



# Grace Notes

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Dear Friends In Christ,

I reminisce a lot these days about all the ministry events I have participated in over the last 36 years. One of my monthly duties has been to write a cover article for the congregation's monthly newsletter, in our case, Grace Notes.

I've used this space for all kinds of information – from new ideas and programs, to upcoming

events, to information about our building project and campaign, to changing our church structure from committees to teams with coordinators and to share any needs I perceive that the congregation had.



I've enjoyed this forum. I have written about 420 of these articles. What's different about this one? This is my last letter to you as your called Senior Pastor.

So please allow me to reminisce some more. I remember back in early 2004, Pastor Miller telephoned me when I was in DuBois and asked me to consider coming to Grace. I remember Pastor Miller's welcoming presence to me and his advocacy for me in the call process and as I became Sr. Pastor. I remember Pastor Miller having only 17 days of retirement before he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. I remember visiting with him as he was so ill and his wise counsel to me about church matters. I remember in 2007, changing our church structure from committees to ministry teams, changes in our staff, the preschool becoming self-sustaining under great leadership with Becky Krantweiss and Laurel Sanders and now Cathy Smarkusky. I remember calling Pastor Louder, Pastor Alison and now Pastor Schul. I remember over the years watching Cindy Fritz and seeing how she is truly a master of trades, and of course Vicar Ariel who recently left for call & marriage in Houston, TX.

I remember Super Wednesday with 60-70 people explode into a weekly ministry of hospitality, study, singing and fun. (Thank you, Dave!)

I remember our weekly building plan meetings and honing in on what we needed and the cost. I remember watching it being built and how it took 20 months from start to dedication (2010-2012). I remember Gail and Brenda and Rachel in the office and now I have been blessed to work with Sharon for six years. As I write this, she is training Sheri Rider to be our new office manager starting August 1.



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The ministries we have done that please me most are the ones that have led Grace to be more welcoming, accepting and inclusive and more justice oriented for the sake of all people. I love the ministries that have made Grace more servant-like, more sacrificial, more giving ourselves away and being more involved in our community. These ministries have not always been easy. They have led a few to choose another congregation; but I know these are the ministries that help us grow and make God smile.

I love that Grace has become a younger congregation with its largest age demographics of 1-30 and 40-55. That bodes very well for Grace's future.

I pray and will pray daily that Grace continues to be this iconic building on Beaver and Garner that is an evangelism tool, just as it sits. And I pray Grace will always be inclusive, servant oriented and a welcoming place where all, in Jesus' name, can be gathered, fed while here and then sent to give ourselves away in love.

Thank you for these great memories.  
Thank you for calling me to be your partner in ministry. Thank you for how you care for Lois & me.

With love always,  
*Pastor Lynn and Lois*



**Sharon Schultz Retires**  
Sharon Schultz has been our office manager for six years. She has done an outstanding job and has been very good for Grace and our staff. Sharon decided to retire after July 31<sup>st</sup>.

I can't begin to thank Sharon enough. She has been a wonderful staff member and she will be missed. I am grateful for all the ways she made my work and life earlier. Thank you, Sharon.

~ Pastor Lynn

## Sheri Rider Is New Office Manager as of August

**1<sup>st</sup>.** As Sharon retires, Sheri Rider has been hired to be our new office manager. Sheri is from this area and has experience working in the banking, retail, and insurance industries. She knows our church well, and Sharon has been faithfully helping her to transition into her new role. Thank you, Sheri for accepting this position. We are blessed!

~ Pastor Lynn

### OFFICE HOURS ARE:

Monday through Thursday 8 AM – 3 PM;  
Friday 8 AM to noon. Contact Sheri at [srider@glcpa.org](mailto:srider@glcpa.org)



## Peter Horn Joins Grace's Staff

Peter Horn has been working with Cindy Fritz, and family ministries as a volunteer, and now Peter is joining our Faith Formation - (Youth & family ministries) as a staff member. Peter will be working 20 hours/week with Cindy. Cindy is the Director of Faith Formation and Peter will be the Asst. Director.



Our 1-30 age demographic is our biggest one at Grace and with Vicar Ariel leaving, we want to continue providing all the present ministry opportunities and even more. That is why we thought it essential to add Peter to our team. Peter has done an excellent job as a volunteer. He is well liked and respected by youth and staff who know him. Peter is very effective and gifted in this area of ministry. He has worked with our youth groups, kids club, confirmation, VBS, High school Sunday school, play dates, and was one of the advisors on the youth trip to Houston (Grace took 14 youth).

Peter has also been a major influence connecting Pre-school and Kindergarten families to Super Wednesday and several families have joined our church family through Peter's welcome.

Grace's council discussed Peter being hired on a part-time basis and agreed unanimously that we should move forward with hiring Peter. Peter's employment began in July.

Welcome Peter! We are blessed to have you as part of our Faith Formation Team.

~ Pastor Lynn

## Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Sunday	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Holy Gospel
<b>August 5</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Psalms 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
<b>August 12</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalms 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25--5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
<b>August 19</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalms 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
<b>August 26</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Psalms 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69

### MUSIC IN THE LITURGY

#### Praise God: Sing the Psalms!

*Gloria a Dios! Praise God! Lobe den Herrn!* Throughout the western world, Psalms singing is a long-standing church tradition. By definition, a psalm is a song of praise. The Bible has 150 heart-felt songs for most imaginable situations: joy, contemplation, suffering, and even grief. Psalters (printed books of psalms) helped believers to understand and express their faith for at least 500 years in Europe and nearly 400 in America. *The Bay Psalm Book* was the first book printed in the colonies (Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1640) for English speakers, but the tradition of singing them goes back much further.

There are many meaningful ways to speak and sing the psalms, including:

- Reading the 150 psalms and 31 proverbs in alternation: five psalms to each proverb or one proverb each month with a daily changing psalm until the cycle is complete;
- Direct singing of the psalm (everyone sings all of the verses);
- Singing the psalm antiphonally (two groups in alternation—congregation or choir – each group singing the first or second part of each verse);
- Singing the psalm responsively (cantor and congregation each singing verses of the Psalm in alternation).

Musical settings of the psalms and excerpts weren't just set by the great classical composers such as Monteverdi, Schubert, Vivaldi, Brahms, and Mozart. We also hear two in the musical *Godspell*; in Rutter's popular *Requiem* setting; in recordings by contemporary Christian artists; and prose settings in the forms of hymns, both ancient and modern.

The next time you sing a psalm, focus on the words of praise amid all of life's celebrations, trials, and tribulation. Then sing them joyfully with your whole heart!

#### DID YOU KNOW...



... that Council, at its July meeting, formed a Call Committee that will begin the process of calling Grace's next associate pastor?

### The Whys of Worship

*Who writes the prayers?*

In addition to the Lord's Prayer, we pray two additional sets of prayers each Sunday in worship. The Prayer of the Day occurs near the beginning of worship, just prior to the Bible readings. Our hymnal includes a different prayer for each Sunday and festival (you can read them beginning at page 18 of the hymnal). Each prayer reflects the primary themes of the day and the assigned Bible readings. Many of the prayers are based on traditional, ancient prayers of the Christian tradition. Accordingly, the Prayer of the Day unites us as the Church today and the Church throughout history. The Prayers of the Church are prayed after the Creed. These prayers are written each week by Grace's staff and include a series of prayer petitions that reflect the joys and concerns of both our local community and the world at large. These petitions always includes specific prayers for those on our prayer list and Grace members who have been recently hospitalized.



## A Hymn for Contemplation

*When August rolls around, we finally realize that summer has just about slipped through our grasp. It's a time for acknowledging the many adventures we had, as well as the good intentions that never came to pass. For example, perhaps this summer you resolved to really work on your prayer life. How did that go for you? Too often, it is easier to talk about prayer than it is to actually pray.*

*And so this month I want to encourage you to give daily prayer another try. The idea is simple. Take a moment just before bed and use the words of this ancient (17th century) evening song as your prayer. Add your own thoughts and words whenever you feel ready. But trust that God knows and hears even those thoughts and words that we struggle to articulate. Our Lord loves you and is always pleased when you reach out in prayer.*

*Blessings to you. Pastor Schul*



### ALL PRAISE TO THEE, MY GOD, THIS NIGHT (ELW #565)

1. All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.
2. Forgive me, Lord, for they dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;  
that with the world, myself, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
3. Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die, that so I may rise glorious at the awesome day.
4. Oh, may my soul in thee repose, and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
sleep that shall me more vig'rous make to serve my God when I awake!
5. All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light.  
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.

On Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Dr. Martin Zimmann, (who serves United Lutheran Seminary with the Advancement team as gift officer and alumni/ae relations director), presented Pastor Lynn the **Gettysburg Seminary Distinguished Alumni Award** in recognition of his many years of faithful service in parish ministry. Pictured with Pastor Lynn is his wife, Lois.



## New Tree

A new tree has been planted on Grace's grounds in honor of Pastor Lynn's ministry. Larry Kuhns selected, donated, and helped plant the tree. The tree is a "Dawn Redwood" and is planted on the Beaver Avenue side of the property. Thank you, Larry!



~ Pastor Lynn

### Council Organizes for 2018-2019

Your Grace Council met for the first time this new fiscal year on Tuesday, July 10. At this meeting we organized our executive team for the new year. The results are as follows:

Earl Lybarger - President  
Sally Keiser-Bankert - Vice President  
Ellen Campbell - Secretary  
Gary Stroschein - Treasurer (appointed)

At the August meeting, council will set the course for the year deciding which issues and topics to talk about each month now through next May.

~ Pastor Lynn



## Welcome and Thank You

Our new fiscal church year began July 1<sup>st</sup>. New council members Del Bright, Jeya Chandra (representing coordinators), Nick Downs and Joe Nicosia have all taken their seats around the council table.

Thank you also to Pete Forster, Greg Kewitt, Tamara Proctor and Anne Rohrbach coordinator representative, for your three years of faithful service to Grace's council. Pete's, Greg's, Tamara's and Anne's council terms were over as of June 30.



## New fiscal year: revisit your position in funding our mission?

July 1 marked the start of a new fiscal year for Grace. As you know, ministry programs cost more each year despite careful cost management and are covered exclusively by member and visitor contributions. Giving when you are here and away on business or vacation enables us to support YOUR dreams of a thriving ministry within and beyond our community. Whether you give via cash, checks, or automatic bank deduction, please consider increasing your gift to help cover rising costs. Note that:

- A 5% increase for a weekly gift of \$20 would be \$21 per week (**only \$1 more per week**);
- A 5% increase for a weekly gift of \$50 would be \$52.50 per week (**only \$2.50 more per week**);
- A 5% increase for a weekly gift of \$100 would be \$105 per week (**only \$5 more per week**).

Please prayerfully consider whether you can help us do ministry more effectively by increasing your gift or ensuring scheduled giving through monthly electronic bank deductions. For details, or to start automated giving (or to change the amount), contact Laurel Sanders, Business Manager, at [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org). All giving is confidential. THANK YOU!

### Finances for 2017-2018

	Actual Income vs Expense July 2017-June 2018	Budgeted Income vs Expense July 2017-June 2018	+ or (-)	%
Income	\$ 801,134.11	\$847,734.00	(\$46, 599.89)	-5.50 %
Expenses	\$822,867.54	\$847,734.00	(24,866.46)	-2.93 %
Net Income	(\$21,733.00)	\$0.00		

- ALL of our income for the church comes from donations, which support our ministries and charitable giving to organizations associated with the ELCA.
- **Income to our ministries has decreased somewhat each year since June 2015. We ended the year with an overall 5.5% income shortfall compared to budgeted income.**
- Expenses for the fiscal year were below budget, but not enough to make up for the revenue shortfall.
- **A surplus from our preschool and some reserve funds enabled us to meet expenses for the year.**
- If we want to maintain current ministry programs -- internal and community outreach -- we need to increase giving.

### Building Campaign

Actual Receipts this month	Monthly Mortgage*	Fiscal YTD Receipts	Fiscal YTD Mortgage
\$11,148.00	\$15,972.03	\$186,421.00	\$191,644.00

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

- Building contributions were almost \$5,000 under budget this month.
- We are a younger congregation and are growing, but to fulfill current ministries, we need to increase giving.
- **Please prayerfully consider increasing your support of our ministries and building if you can. The church is...YOU!**

## Worship at the Mountain: Family Event Kick-Off, September 9<sup>th</sup>

The fun at Tussey Mountain is on! Our outdoor worship service at Tussey Mountain will be held on Sunday, September 9 at 11 a.m. in the same location as last year – the patio behind the ski lodge. Not only does this setting provide a beautiful place for worship, but it also is a great time to connect with Grace families.



*Worship*  
at the Mountain

Following worship, there will be a congregational picnic. Grace will provide the main course; all others are asked to provide a side dish to share. Our set-up and clean-up teams are looking for volunteers.

Contact Joyce Arbutina ([joycearb@comcast.net](mailto:joycearb@comcast.net)) if you can help.

There are activities for children, youth, and adults of all ages beginning at 1 p.m. For no cost, there will be fishing (bring your poles and bait), horseshoes, paddleboats, and sand volleyball. In addition to the other activities, we are selling 2-hour wristbands that include: unlimited use of the par-3 golf course, mini-golf, batting cages, skate park, and driving range, as well as three coupons for the go-karts. The price is \$10/person, but not to exceed \$40/family. As always, if cost is an issue, please see Cindy Fritz, Peter Horn, or any of the Pastoral staff.

We cannot wait to see you for fun and fellowship on the mountain!

## Green Tip of the Month for August

With the “dog days” of summer nearly here, it’s a good time to think about ways to most efficiently use air conditioners.

- Since they work by pumping heat out of an enclosed space, they require a great deal of energy to do so. If the power goes out, everyone suffers.
- Use air conditioners to stay safe and healthy but use only what you need.
- Make sure there is not a heat source (incandescent light, toaster, refrigerator, stove, outside door, etc.) near the thermostat for the AC.
- Run the AC lower (higher temp and lower air speed) and use fans placed around the house to circulate the cool air.
- Turn off (or down) when leaving the house for work or periods of more than a couple hours and close windows, window blinds or curtains during the day.
- Try community cooling (movies, libraries, houses of worship) and change your cooking habits to reduce the use of ovens or other indoor heat sources.



## Sunday morning flower/ bulletin/radio sponsor- ship payments

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to sponsor altar flowers, bulletins or radio broadcasts. To help you and the church office keep track of your payment, please take an envelope from the niche where the sign-up sheets are located to remind you of the date you selected and the amount due to Grace Lutheran by your sponsorship date.

Effective July 1, 2018, if your payment has not been received by the sponsorship date, a friendly reminder will be sent the following week to the person(s) who signed up to be a sponsor. If you feel you have received the friendly reminder in error, please contact the church office (238-2478; [churchoffice@glcpa.org](mailto:churchoffice@glcpa.org)).

Thank you.

## New Member

On Sunday, July 15, Grace was honored to receive Bill Scilingo as a new member. Bill is a retired educator who taught high school physics in St. Marys, PA for 40 years. He and his wife Sharon (who is a member of Grace) moved here in 2008 and reside in Bellefonte. In his free time, Bill enjoys cooking, baking, woodworking, and gardening/landscaping activities. We are blessed to have you at Grace, Bill!



## HELP OUR PRESCHOOL Giant, Weis and Sheetz Shopping Cards

We continue to sell Giant, Weis and Sheetz gift cards throughout the summer. **Stop into the school office**

**Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday** between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to purchase \$25, \$50 and \$100 Weis cards; \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$200 Giant cards; and \$25 and \$100 Sheetz cards. GLPK receives 3 to 5% cash back from the vendors for all face value purchases. For more information, please contact the school at 238-8110 or [email\\_glpk@glcpa.org](mailto:email_glpk@glcpa.org).



## Box Tops for Education

Please continue to clip Box Tops throughout the summer. Collecting Box Tops is simple. Just cut them out of participating product packaging and bring them into the school. Some products to watch for are General Mills, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Betty Crocker and many more!

### Super Wednesday begins September 12

Adult Bible study, Fireside, 11 a.m.  
Angel Choir & Sing and Ring, 5:00-5:30 p.m.  
Supper, Harkins Hall, 5:30-6:15 p.m.  
Adult Bible study, Fireside, 6:15-7:15 p.m.  
Kids Club, Miller Center gym or playground, 6:15-7:15 p.m. and Nursery care, 6:15-7:15 p.m.



Pastor Schul will be teaching a five week course entitled, "Judas and the Boundaries of Forgiveness".

## ELCA Youth Gathering 2018 Wrap-Up

At the end of June, 14 of our high school youth joined 31,000 other youth and adult leaders in Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering. This was an intensive time of faith, community, and fellowship. The theme was "This Changes Everything." Each night, we had a mass gathering with our 30,000 sisters and brothers to learn that "this" meant God's Love, God's Grace, and God's Hope. During the days, we gathered with youth from our synod for fellowship, explored an interactive center full of our church's social service agencies, campus ministries, college ministries, and other aspects of the church, and went into the community to serve alongside local residents of Houston. Our service in the community was at a Methodist church (pictured right), which was a community center during the Hurricane Harvey recovering at the end of last year. While doing all of these things is inspiring, one of the most moving parts of a youth gathering is to see our youth grow as individuals and in community with one another. It is one thing to participate for a couple of hours in youth group monthly, but it is entirely another thing to live together in a authentic Christian community for a solid week where the values of love, grace, hope, and forgiveness are lived out. Our youth did just that.



## Final Summer Softball League Schedule

Come and support our team on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Our home field is the Hess Softball Complex on PA-45 in Boalsburg. If you still want to join in, please contact Ken Hickman at [krh132@psu.edu](mailto:krh132@psu.edu)

**AUG. 6** Faith Baptist - Hess Field 3

**AUG. 13** Calvary Baptist - Hess Field 4



Dear Grace Family,  
Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and well wishes over the past several months. Through my diagnosis and treatments, it has been confirmed that the hearts of Grace members are always there for you. Moving forward!  
In health,  
Sue Forster



## DID YOU KNOW...

... this year is the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary for our bell choir, *The Bells of Grace*? Our first hand bells were purchased in 1973.

See page 13 for more and photos from the trip...



## Congregational Care



### Summer Health and Wholeness Breaks

Congregational Care continues to sponsor hour-long programs, during the Summer Sunday School hour (9 – 10 a.m.) in Fireside while regular Sunday School classes are on hiatus. The presentations for August include:

**August 5 – *Let There Be Light:***

*The Origins of the Universe and Life on the Earth*, Kevin Luhman, Professor, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, PSU

**August 12 – *Medicare 101***, Paul Mackes, Certified Medicare Insurance Counselor

**August 19 – *Understanding the Epidemiology of Alzheimer's Disease***, Kari Kugler, Assistant Teaching Professor, Dept. of Bio-behavioral Health, PSU

**August 26 – *The U.S. Constitution and You***, Greg Ferro, Retired SCASD teacher and historian

The Congregational Care team would like to thank all the presenters for giving of their time and expertise this summer. Thanks is also extended to everyone that attended these special events.

### The CROP Hunger Walk

is our community's way of bringing about justice for the lives of the hungry. All funds that are raised address the root causes of hunger and poverty for our neighbors here and throughout the world.



If you have yet to participate in a CROP Walk, we encourage you to join us on **October 21, 2018**. The 5K walk will begin at 2 p.m. at University Baptist and Brethren Church on 411 S. Burrowes Street. Registration is at 1:30 p.m., and no fee is required. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

You are more than welcome to join our planning team. Any questions or if you'd like to be part of our team, please contact Leslie (574-2502, lwagner2007@gmail.com) or Paul (574-2501, pwagner66@gmail.com) Wagner.

### The Food Bank

The Food Bank of the State College Area, Inc. is always in need of donations. The church collects donations monthly in the church narthex on the first Sunday of each month at each worship service. Cash/check donations, grocery store gift cards, and brown paper grocery bags are always accepted. For the complete list, look at their website, <https://www.sfoodbank.org/Page/59> New items this month are these:



- Boxes of tea
- Cereal
- Salad dressing
- Canned pasta and Sloppy Joe sauce (Chef Boyardee, Manwich, etc.)
- Juice (100% fruit or vegetable juice)
- Canned fruits
- Jam or jelly
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, or Spam)
- Cooking oil
- Soup (especially Progresso or Chunky)
- Tomato product (diced, stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Gluten-Free products (any type, but especially pasta, cereal, etc.)
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Soap (bar or liquid)

## Women of Grace Schedule



### Circle Groups begin in September

If you are interested in joining one of these groups, stop in at the appointed times:

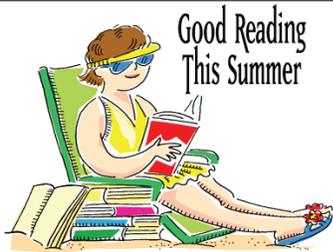
**Naomi** - Sept. 4 at 1 p.m. in Fireside

**Daughters of Eve** - Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in Fireside

**Comfort Makers** (sewing) - Sept. 4 and 18 at 9 a.m. in the Library

**Knit Wits** - Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. in the Library (room 208)

**Garden of Readin'** - Monthly at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. in Fireside (see below)



The August selection for **Garden of Readin'** (women's book club) is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. This is the selection of Joyce Snider and she will be facilitating the discussions Tuesday, August 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Stinson Library and 6:00 p.m. in Fireside.

## Many Thanks

The Naomi Circle wishes to thank the members of Grace and the Comfort Makers for all the contributions to the Pregnancy Resource Clinic.

There were approximately 103 items placed in the bassinet during the month of May. Those items were taken to the clinic and were appreciated. This is the first year Naomi Circle collected for the Pregnancy Resource Clinic in State College. We consider it a very successful project; thanks to all of you!

## School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief

When you buy school supplies, why not buy a few more to help fill a school kit for Lutheran World Relief? Comfort Makers are busy sewing backpacks and still have kits available in the Upper Commons if you can help sew one or two. Middle School and High School students will be filling the school kits as a mission project this fall. The following school supplies are needed. You may leave your donations in the designated basket in the Upper Commons.



### FOR ONE BACKPACK

- Four 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled, approximately 8 x 10 ½ “, no loose leaf paper.
- One 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band)
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 ½ “ eraser

### Also, from the Comfort Makers

Summer is nearly here! A perfect time to assemble Lutheran World Relief Kits and work on projects for Kit and Quilt Sunday (formerly Blanket Sunday) on October 21! Our kits and quilts are sent all over the world.

- **Personal Care Kits** go a long way to help individuals who have lost everything accomplish some of the basic hygiene tasks that we take for granted.
- **School Kits** provide supplies to children in impoverished nations.
- **Baby Care Kits** aid new mothers in less fortunate circumstances as they care for the newborn.
- **Fabric Kits** provide material and thread so that women in these countries can make their own clothes.
- **Quilt Kits.** They also are available in the gathering area.



Our Comfort Makers have put together instructions for all kits and pre-cut material and instructions for making some of them. Look for them in the gathering area outside the narthex. Kits will be collected in September and October and shipped in November.

## Grace Lutheran Swim Night - Rescheduled Date!



No need to lather up with sunscreen for this event! Please join us for our annual Grace Lutheran Swim Night at Welch Pool. Fortunately or unfortunately, due to inclement weather in June, we rescheduled our Welch Pool Swim Night to **Friday, August 24, 8-10 p.m.** ALL MEMBERS of Grace, your friends, and those families

that attended Vacation Bible School are welcome to come to the pool! We ask that you bring a snack to share. It's a fun filled night, without the crowds of the community pool goers, so mark your calendars now! Come enjoy one of the last days of summer with an evening swim.

## Youth Meet at the Mountain

Calling all High School and Middle School! Come meet with Peter Horn and Cindy Fritz at **Tussey Mountain on Sunday, September 9**. We will have wristbands for unlimited use of the par-3 golf, driving range, mini-golf, skate park, batting cage, and 3 coupons for the go-karts. Following the Worship on the Mountain service, activities will be from 1 -3 p.m. and cost \$10/person. We hope to see you then!

## Sunday School Begins September 16

- Mark your calendar for the return of Sunday School, Sunday, September 16 from 9-10 a.m.
- If you have children age 3 through High School, we meet each Sunday in various classrooms.
- Please check the September Grace Notes for the assigned rooms.
- If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, have never attended or have allergy alerts, please contact Cindy Fritz or Peter Horn. We want to make your transition to Sunday School an easy one.
- Additionally, parents, we are always looking for VOLUNTEERS to help in Sunday School. PA state regulations require background checks; these can be completed quickly and inexpensively. Please contact Cindy Fritz or Peter Horn if you're interested - or we'll contact you!

## Summer Reading Program follow-up

Have you been reading the Jesus Storybook Bible or the Book of Mark? We are so pleased that so many people have taken the reading challenge. Whether you have met your goal or not, please reach out to Cindy Fritz or Peter Horn to let them know of your journey. If you completed all of the readings, don't be shy, stop in the office to pick up a prize. We have something for everyone!

## Confirmation Parent Meeting

All parents of youth, planning to participate in Confirmation classes this upcoming school year, are invited to attend an informational meeting on **Sunday, August 12 in the Library**. We will discuss future changes in curriculum, guidelines, and expectations, as well as review the academic calendar. Please contact Cindy Fritz if you cannot attend.

What's Happening!

### August Calendar

**Sunday, August 12**  
10 a.m. – Confirmation  
Informational Meeting, Library

**Friday, August 24**  
8-10 p.m. – All Grace Swim  
Night at Welch Pool

**Sunday, August 26**  
Milestone Ministry - Blessing  
of Backpacks and Blessing of  
New Drivers

### September Preview

**Saturday, September 1**  
8 a.m.-? – Home football game,  
car parking

**Sunday, September 9**

- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. – Worship  
at the Mountain at Tussey  
Mountain
- 1-3 p.m. – Youth at the  
Mountain, Tussey Mountain

**Saturday, September 15**  
8 a.m.-? – Home football  
game, car parking

**Sunday, September 16**  
9-10 a.m. – First Day of Sunday  
School various classrooms

**Sunday, September 23**  
Noon – Confirmation Class,  
Miller Center

**Saturday, September 29**  
8 a.m.-? – Home football  
game, car parking

**Sunday, September 30**  
9-10 a.m. – Youth Gathering  
participants meeting in Adult  
Forum

## Celebration of Milestones

At Grace we celebrate milestones. Milestones are designed to connect significant occasions in people's lives with their ongoing journey of faith. A Milestone Moment brings family, friends, and congregations together to mark a special time in their lives and acknowledge and affirm God's presence in their midst. It is a tool to connect home and church in the child and family's faith life. In addition to naming (the occasion), blessing (the person) and gifting (the gift), we send along an "At Home" sheet to reinforce the milestone with caring conversation.

### Jesus' Got Your Back (and your backpack)

On Sunday, August 26 at the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services we will be blessing backpacks. Whether you are a teacher, campus employee, college student, school age student or even preschooler; please bring your backpack /satchel/tote to church. We want to celebrate the new school year milestone by giving you a bag tag as a reminder of the love and acceptance you have in this community.

### Calling New Drivers

Getting your drivers license is a significant milestone worth recognition! Please come to receive a new keychain and a blessing on Sunday, August 26 at the 9:00 or 10:30 a.m. worship service. The keychain is a daily reminder of the love and protection you receive from God and this community.

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- Phone: 814-238-2478
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## Crossfire 'Sing-in' Event and Family Potluck August 19

### Calling all t(w)eens in grades 6-12!

If you enjoy singing---or if you would like to see whether it's something you would enjoy---come to our 2018 Sing-in on Sunday afternoon, August 19! We'll check out some of the music we'll sing in the fall, do some group improvisation for fun, talk about the choir's plans for the year and enjoy a taco bar and ice cream potluck with singers' families afterward in Harkins Hall.

**We rehearse Sunday mornings from 10 to 10:30** (after Sunday School) **starting September 16.** We will sing for 10:30 (and sometimes 9:00 a.m.) worship about six times this year as well as a Mexican-themed AdventFest. Questions? Contact Laurel Sanders at [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org) or just come!

## School Kits – Time to Buy Supplies

On September 16, the Women of Grace will pack school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Our Middle and High School Youth will begin their Sunday School year by packing the items into the hand-sewn backpacks. While the back-to-school supplies are on sale, we are asking for your help to purchase specific items and then place them in the laundry basket located in the upper commons. Please refer to the list located on page 9.



## Vacation Bible School Follow-up

We had a great time being "Shipwrecked" this summer, especially since we were, "rescued by Jesus!". Together we learned that when we feel "shipwrecked:" alone or in trouble, Jesus is there to help us through both the difficult and good times in life. Our end-of-week slideshow is available to view on our website ([www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org)) in the children and youth, Vacation Bible School folder. And, some photos are on the next page (12).

## ELCA Youth Gathering 2021

The ELCA announced the site and date of the next Youth Gathering. Mark your long-range calendar for **Minneapolis, MN June 29- July 3, 2021.** Eligible students, at the time of *The Gathering*, must be entering ninth grade through graduating in 2021. Parking cars are the easiest and best way to fund this exciting adventure.

## Car Parking - Hello Penn State Football Fans!

The youth will once again park cars in our Grace Lutheran parking lot. Parking cars on home football games have been a profitable fund raiser for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Beginning this year, we will also allow youth to earn money toward additional Grace Lutheran mission trips. Our first opportunity is set for Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8 a.m. for the Appalachian State game. Let's park some cars!!!

# VBS Follow-Up

Many thanks to the crew of volunteers that taught lessons and safely navigated children through the building. Grace family members, together, take time from their summer to help kids feel welcomed and loved! We are so blessed to have you as part of our church family! Thanks, again, and enjoy the photos of VBS 2018.



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We come off this mountaintop experience and back to Grace with stories of our experiences. If you have the time, ask one of our youth to tell you about their experience.

If possible, please attend the Adult Forum on **Sunday, September 30 (9-10 a.m. Sunday School hour)** to hear the youth recap their highlights of this event. This trip changed them; we hope hearing about it will change you too!





## Openings Available for the 2018/2019 School Year

July and August are traditionally months of change for Pre-school and Kindergarten families. At this time, we have the following openings available for the 2018/2019 school year:



### Dates to Remember!

#### Monday, August 20

10 a.m. – PA State Police Active Shooter Training

#### Monday, August 27

10-1:15 p.m. – GLPK Curriculum and Teacher's Aides/Substitutes Meetings in the Fireside Room

#### Tuesday, August 28

9-9:30 a.m. – Kindergarten class Meet the Teacher  
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Staff Orientation Meeting

#### Wednesday, August 29

9-10 a.m. – Jr.K. and Preschool M-F, MWF morning and enrichment classes Meet the Teacher  
Kindergarten, First day of school with bus, no enrichment (Enrichment classes begin September 4)

#### Thursday, August 30

9-10 a.m. – Preschool T/Th morning and enrichment classes Meet the Teacher.  
Kindergarten in session

#### Friday, August 31

Kindergarten in session  
10 a.m. – First Aid/CPR Training

### SEPTEMBER PREVIEW

#### Monday, September 3

Happy Labor Day

#### Tuesday, September 4

First Day of School for Jr.K, T/Th and M-F classes

#### Wednesday, September 5

First Day of School for MWF classes

#### Thursday, September 6

9:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. – Parent Orientation in Fireside

- 2.5 Year Olds – 2, 3 or 5 mornings/week
- 3 Year Olds – 2, 3 or 5 mornings/week and 2, 3 or 5 afternoons/week
- 4 Year Olds – 2 or 5 mornings/week and 2, 3 or 5 afternoons/week
- Jr. Kindergarten – 5 mornings/week and 2, 3, or 5 afternoons/week
- Kindergarten – 5 mornings/week and 2, 3 or 5 afternoons/week

If your child is on a wait list, we will contact you as changes happen. Please contact the school for additional information or to set up a tour at 238-8110.

### Back to School!

The 2018-2019 paperwork was sent out and due back to the school office on June 29<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't turned in your student information form, two head shot photographs (new incoming students), health assessment form (Kindergarten and new incoming students), emergency contact form and permission to photograph form, please do so as soon as possible. September tuition bills were sent out mid July and will be due August 10<sup>th</sup>. A \$25 late fee will be added to your account if payment is received after the tuition deadline.



Also, be on the lookout for an e-mailed invitation in late August to visit your child's new classroom and meet the teacher and teaching aide. This is an opportunity for you and your child to get acquainted with your child's classroom and teachers.

### Request for Supplies for the School

If you are looking for a small but important way to help our preschool and kindergarten, we are always looking for contributions of the following supplies that are in constant demand:

- Plain white napkins (regular size)
- 5-oz. drinking cups
- Clorox or Lysol wipes (any size or quantity)
- Lysol Kitchen Cleaner spray (without bleach)
- Lysol All-purpose Disinfectant cleaner (without bleach)
- Large boxes of tissues (any brand or size)



Donations  
Needed!

If you are able to contribute any of these items, please bring them to the church or school office in a bag labeled "preschool" and we will put them to good use. Thank you!

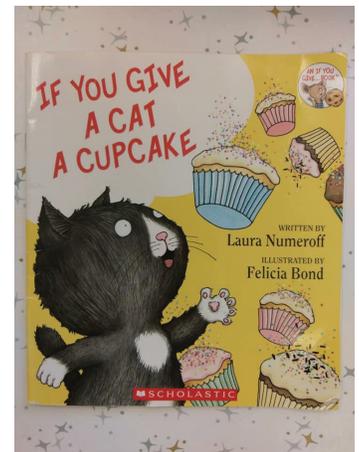
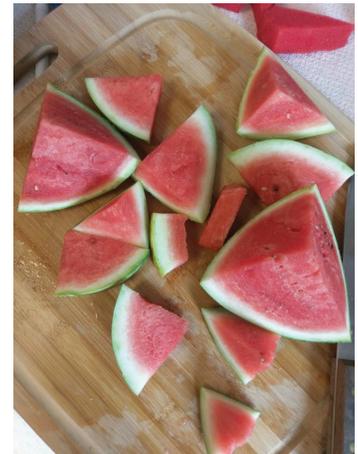
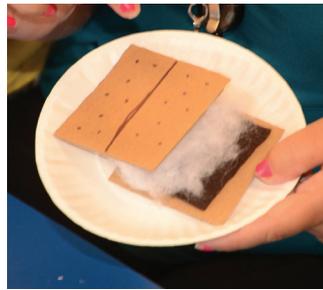
#### Friday, September 7

GLPK's 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
9:15 a.m. – Parent Orientation in Fireside

- E-mail: [glpk@glcpa.org](mailto:glpk@glcpa.org)
- Phone: 814-238-8110
- Web: [www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org)

## Young Explorers Camps a Great Success

During June, we held our two summer camps: “The Ultimate Road Trip” and “Read Your Way Through Summer’s Treats” led by DeeAnn Wylie and assisted by Erin Stube. The children heard stories, made crafts, sang songs, played games, and had fun with old and new friends. We hope everyone who came had a great time and we look forward to seeing many of our campers at school this fall!





**LECTORS - Ann Burke (364-5096/ [ambrmb1@verizon.net](mailto:ambrmb1@verizon.net))**

<p><b>8 a.m.</b>              August 5 - OPEN              August 12 - OPEN              August 19 - OPEN              August 26 - Nancy Reinert</p>	<p><b>9 a.m.</b>              August 5 - OPEN              August 12 - Charles and Susan Martin              August 19 - OPEN              August 26 - OPEN</p>	<p><b>10:30 a.m.</b>              August 5 - Ed Prince              August 12 - OPEN              August 19 - Stephanie Flanagan              August 26 - OPEN</p>
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*There are many openings to lector in August. Please sign up in the Narthex, or contact the church officer or Ann Burke if you can help.*

**GREETERS - Sue Forster (876-2029/[sforster@cvim.net](mailto:sforster@cvim.net))**

<p><b>8 a.m.</b>              August 5 - June Krumrine              August 12 - Carla Rossi              August 19 - Kay Weigand              August 26 - Nancy Reinert</p>	<p><b>9 a.m.</b>              August 5 - Dick Brenneman, Joann McCormick              August 12 - OPEN              August 19 - OPEN              August 26 - Louise Tarman, Susan Bardo</p>	<p><b>10:30 a.m.</b>              August 5 - Gerry Slear, Ed Prince              August 12 - Dick and Helen Brenneman, Leslie Elder              August 19 - Peter and Sue Forster              August 26 - Don and Gina Leon, Carolyn Fishburn</p>
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**WELCOME CENTER HOSTS - Sue Forster (876-2029/[sforster@cvim.net](mailto:sforster@cvim.net))**

<p><b>9 a.m.</b>              August 5 - Helen Brenneman              August 12 - Linda Domin              August 19 - Joann McCormick              August 26 - OPEN</p>	<p><b>10:30 a.m.</b>              August 5 - Sharon Rivell              August 12 - Sue Forster              August 19 - Barbara Fiscus              August 26 - Sue Forster</p>
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**ACOLYTES - Stephanie Fozard (238-7935/[steph@fozards.com](mailto:steph@fozards.com))**

<p><b>9 a.m.</b>              August 5 - Jacob Fritz, Emilio Schul              August 12 - Abby and Carter Fozard              August 19 - Emilio Schul              August 26 - Ethan and Spencer Hardyk</p>	<p><b>10:30 a.m.</b>              August 5 - OPEN              August 12 - Sophia and Mirabella Bills              August 19 - Emily Whitney, Annika Bechtel              August 26 - Lincoln Hockenberry, Nicholas Kewitt</p>
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**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Sally Keiser-Bankert (234-6038/[sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net))**

<p><b>8 a.m.</b>              August 5 - Don Widener              August 12 - Nancy Reinert              August 19 - Don Widener              August 26 - Cindy Nicosia</p>	<p><b>9 a.m.</b>              August 5 - John Diercks, Rachel Wolkenhauer              August 12 - Nick and Mardi Downs              August 19 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert              August 26 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert</p>	<p><b>10:30 a.m.</b>              August 5 - Lois Voigt, Rich Rivell              August 12 - Brian Bills, Sophia Bills              August 19 - John and Brenda Palmgren              August 26 - Paul and Leslie Wagner</p>
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**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**  
 Joyce Arbutina  
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**SOUND BOOTH**  
 Karl Hosterman  
 (355-4818/[karl@centrecommonline.com](mailto:karl@centrecommonline.com))

<p><b>8 a.m.</b>              August 5 - George Weigand              August 12 - Leonard Ellenberger              August 19 - George Weigand              August 26 - George Weigand</p>	<p><b>10:00 a.m.</b>              August 5 - The Kim Family              August 12 - Paul and Leslie Wagner              August 19 - The Hardyk Family              August 26 - The Stoltzfus Family</p>	<p><b>10:30 a.m.</b>              August 5 - Lester Griel, Jr.              August 12 - Lester Griel, III              August 19 - Richard Brenneman              August 26 - Wayne Pauley</p>
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# August Worship Sponsors

The church office (238-2478) or Sheri Rider ([srider@glcpa.org](mailto:srider@glcpa.org))



Altar Flowers	Bulletin Covers	Radio Sponsors
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August 5 - Jackie and Curt Kunes  
 August 12 - Charles and Susan Martin  
 August 19 - Ruth Kistler  
 August 26 - Ann and Dave Guss

August 5 - Jim and Ellen Campbell  
 August 12 - Don and Deanna Coine  
 August 19 - Jim and Ellen Campbell  
 August 26 - Jim and Ellen Campbell

August 5 - Greg and Kristen Kewitt  
 August 12 - Anonymous  
 August 19 - Betta Kriner  
 August 26 - Open

## June, July Pastoral Acts

New Births and Baptisms	Deaths - Funerals/Memorials	Weddings
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- Miles Paul Harlor, baptized May 28
- Ferris Robert Shurgalla, baptized July 1
- Brooke Mae Dunkle, born July 7 to Kristin and Donnie Dunkle

June 16 - Beth Stover and Dwayne Smith

### Prayer List for August

All Military & Nat'l Guard and those serving in war-torn countries	Curtis Krebs, brother of Sandy Cassady
Sam Alexander	Pete Krewson, father of Erin Tusar
Susa Antle	Jim Leslie
Dave Asencio	Paul Lloyd
Dick Burke	Phil Lucas
Scott Cocolin	Sam and Julia McCracken
Sara Cocolin	Jo Anne Miller
Paul and Lois Confer and family, friends of Phil Vollmer	Bobby Misher
Cathy Cutter's parents	Al Musgrave
Winnie Deppen	Amy Nevlng
Pastor Dowhower	Maryann Newcomb
Norm Fischer	Scott Rearick—Sally and Carl's friend
Sue Forster	Kristin (Palmgren) Roman and family
Rich Gamble, father of Holly Stoltzfus	Lisa Sell
Vicki Garvin	Victoria Smith
Herb and Nancy Graves	William Snape, Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite
Barbara Hackenberry's daughter	Marlowe Stiger
Sherry Harrington	Scott Swackhammer, nephew of Karen and Mark Mrsa
Skylar Hill	Lisa Thomas—Sally & Carl's friend
Shaun Hintosh	Tammy Jo Trinidad
Lenore Horner	Karen Tupman, Phyllis Favorite's cousin
Sadie Hounshell, friend of the Davis'	Ross Weimer, Greg Weimer's Father
Betty Houts	Ben Whisler
Tena Ishler's friend Candy	Kathleen Wolfhope, friend of the Flanagan family
Michael William Keble	

### August Birthdays

3 Darcy Houseknecht	13 Lyla Reutzel	24 Hannah Simcoe
3 Matthew Myers	14 Sara Carlson	25 Jacob Krantweiss
3 Grace Stover	14 Barbara Fisher	25 Rick Shurgalla
3 Michael Yarnell	14 Cherlon Friedken	25 Shawn Stewart
3 Megan Widener	14 Pastor Steve Lynn	26 Frank Bortz
4 Ann Gray	14 Tim Maggi	26 James Campbell
4 Curtis Krebs	14 Jennifer Pencek	26 Mike Conron
4 Bee-Yan Roberts	14 Joseph Peters	26 Jennifer Heim
4 Eric Pauley	14 Julia Schmell	27 Sharon Jodon
4 Megan Smarkusky	15 Mary Ann Humm	28 Mark Antle
4 Lynda Stephenson	15 Megan Schuchert	28 Amy Blake
4 Beth Smith	16 Eltrude Bodkin	28 Michael Powell
5 Jennifer Antle	16 Patrick Jeanmenne	28 Mila Tamminga
5 Donna Diercks	16 James Kisenwether	29 Neal Castles
5 Andrew Grim	16 Cody Shearer	29 Brandon Hosterman
6 Anna Kathryn Coup	17 Emily Yohe	29 Cynthia Nicosia
7 Ron Banerjee	17 Lisa Byers	29 Rebecca Rogers
7 Tessa Kisenwether	18 Stephanie Everhart	29 Charles Peiffer
7 Anne Sullivan	18 Sarah Maggi	29 Andrew Cutter
8 Carter Fozard	18 Jonathan Peters	30 Gregory Kewitt
8 Nicholas Kewitt	18 Hannah Sweeney	30 Robert Kreidler
8 Aubrey Reutzel	18 Emma Vanden Heuvel	30 Lauren Maggi
8 Jeffrey Farson	19 Bonnie Miller	30 Christopher Roberts
9 Cindy Fritz	19 Kenneth Schmell	30 Matthew Weyandt
9 Nicholas Gustine	19 Kenneth Tamminga	30 John Zerbe
10 Marcha Drake	19 Cara McShea	31 Benjamin Jones
10 Kathleen Haris	20 Justin Loy	31 Erin Tusar
10 Bethany Heim	20 Louise Tarman	
10 Janet Leslie	21 Diane Farr	
10 Anne Marie Persson	21 Jeffrey Irwin	
10 Gary Schell	21 Shannan Smith-Janik	
11 Rhea Hallacher	21 Natalie Jeanmenne	
11 Dennis Buffington	22 Doris Bailey	
11 Angela Hardyk	22 Ruth Irwin	
11 Elizabeth Kalbach	22 Mary Ellen Sherwood	
12 Joyce Widener	23 Richard Brenneman	
12 Korin Shaffer	23 Christopher Ta	
13 William Ammerman	24 Barbara Maelhorn	
13 Michaela Mahon	24 Trey Oyler	

### August Birthdays

1 Robin Montarsi	1 Kimberly Warren	2 Stacy Shilling
1 Robert Favorite	2 Marty Bollinger	2 Joseph Peeler
1 Dylan Sechler	2 Larry Emigh	2 Andrew Peeler
1 Kyle Sutherland	2 Steve Koths	3 Charles Cole
1 Marcile Tressler	2 Ryan Pencek	3 Phineas Shurgalla



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. **Worship with Holy Communion**

Piano and flute accompaniment

9 a.m. **Worship with Holy Communion**

Organ accompaniment

Adult Sunday School

Summer Forums

Children's Message

10:30 a.m. **Worship with Holy Communion**

Organ accompaniment

Children's Message

6 p.m. **Prayer & Praise Worship**

Christian alternative songs with Psalm 151 worship team

Casual worship in the Sanctuary

Weekly Holy Communion



The Rev. Scott E. Schul, Senior Pastor

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