



Grace Notes

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August 2019



is in full swing but, with fall around the corner, there are

some important dates in this issue to mark on your calendars, beginning with our annual outdoor worship, below...

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Worship at the Mountain: Family Event Kick-Off, September 8

The fun at Tussey Mountain is on! Our outdoor worship service at Tussey Mountain will be held on Sunday, September 8 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) if you can help.

In case of rain, we will move indoors to the banquet/lodge areas for worship and the meal.

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 the 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!



OUR Senior Pastor

Silence

I think we all readily acknowledge that God speaks to us through our ears. For example, in worship we hear God speaking through the Bible readings, sermon, liturgy, and hymns. But I'm increasingly persuaded that God's *first* language is silence. Perhaps the best example in the Bible is the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19. A worn out, dejected Elijah was unable to hear God in the midst of great windstorms, earthquakes, and fires. Only in sheer stillness and silence could Elijah hear God and be renewed and nourished by God. The benefits of silence go beyond theology, too; countless scientific studies have affirmed that silence is essential for our emotional wellbeing and physical health.

Linda and I recently experienced the blessed benefits of silence on a silent retreat at a Cistercian monastery in Kentucky. At first, it felt a little constraining to be quiet on the grounds and even during meals. We resisted the possibility of "silence police" hushing us and enforcing quiet. In reality, there was no such enforcement. Rather, the 80 or so retreatants and monks endeavored to treat silence as a *gift* we were giving to and holding for one another so that we would all have an opportunity, like Elijah, to be renewed and nourished by God. It was really wonderful.

Contemporary society barrages us with sound. To illustrate, the next time you watch an old black and

white movie note how often there is silence. That's not the case in today's movies and TV shows, where there's a constant soundtrack of music and explosions. Even sporting events have fallen prey to nonstop sound. Except when a pitch is being thrown, a baseball game is nothing but loud music. Do we really need all of that music and sound to be entertained?

Given our societal addiction to noise, silence can feel uncomfortable. Partly that's because we're just not used to it anymore. But it's also uncomfortable because silence forces us to address our own thoughts and fears, as well as those things God has been trying to whisper to us. But with a little time and practice, I think you'll find that silence can be a most welcome friend. As summer continues, see if you can carve out a little quiet time for you and God. Just driving with the radio off can be a good start. Yes, God speaks through words and music. But give silence a try, too. I think you'll find God is there in an even more profound and life-giving way.

Music Matters

On page 5 of this issue of Grace Notes, be sure to read about some leadership changes in our choir. Jayne Glocke has retired after taking our choir to new and wonderful heights. How grateful I am for her stellar leadership. But the good news is that a Glocke will continue to lead Grace's choir. Son Nathan will take the baton, and he has great things in store for the choir and for Grace! On a related note, we continue to work very hard to build a new team of organists here at Grace. More details will follow soon.

Finally

We have retrofitted the water fountains in our Upper and Lower Commons to include bottle filling stations. The new stations promote good hydration practices (we all need to drink more water!) and good environmental stewardship because they are designed for reusable bottles. Thus we hope this will be a means of reducing our use of plastic bottles. The units even keep a running tabulation of the number of plastic bottles we have saved by using the filling stations. One of the stations was funded from the savings of the Preschool/Kindergarten because our students use refillable



bottles every day. The other station was funded by contributions generously made by our Green Team members. Accordingly, the stations required no budgetary expenditures and represent good economic stewardship as well as environmental stewardship. Many thanks to Roy Evert and John Palmgren for their hard work installing these stations!

~ Pastor Schul

DID YOU KNOW...

 ... that Cassandra Singh-Hueter, a recent PSU grad who has been very active with Lutheran Campus Ministry at Grace, will be serving as a missionary to Argentina as part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program? You can support Cassandra's mission by making an online donation at bit.ly/YAGM-Cassandra.

Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Holy Gospel
August 4 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-1	Luke 12:13-21
August 11 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 15:1-6	Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 18 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29--12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 25 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17

Mini-series on Composers of Church Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)



Born one generation after Martin Luther's death in 1546, Michael Praetorius—son of a Lutheran pastor in Creuzburg in the German state of Thuringia—was a philosopher, theologian and composer. Fluent in multiple languages, Praetorius was an adventurous man whose compositional style benefitted greatly from his travels. Praetorius had first-hand exposure to the Venetian school of composition—especially Giovanni

Gabrieli—and was the first German composer to introduce Italian compositional styles into German music. More than twelve hundred sacred choral works and songs survive, and his works are still a staple in the pantry of Lutheran compositions.

Although Praetorius's music is generally ornate and complex, he is also well known for his simple harmonization of the carol *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*. Clearly the editors of our present-day hymnal also loved one of his hymn tunes, which we use for three texts: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*, *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*, and *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*.

A meticulous record keeper and esteemed academic, Praetorius was responsible for much of the knowledge we have about instruments and music practices of his time. Several volumes of writings include detailed woodcuts created to scale, helping modern-day scholars reconstruct musical instruments from the period. Praetorius was a committed Christian throughout his life. Contemporaries said he regretted not taking holy orders, yet his "call" to serve the Church seems clearly fulfilled through his exquisite music. Look for his name among our hymns and special music. Your ears will be richly rewarded!

SAVE THE DATE!

All dogs and cats, large and small--praise the Lord! All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs! All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures! All robins, wrens, and singing birds! All raccoons, squirrels, and deer! All horses, cows, and sheep! All lizards, snakes and creeping things! Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest! Praise the Lord! Each year on the 4th of October, our church calendar commemorates St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the environment and animals because he loved all creatures and allegedly preached even to the birds. In recent years, many congregations have started to bless pets and other animals as a way to mark this day and honor his spirit. Here at Grace we plan to hold a Blessing of Pets and their People this year on **Sunday, October 6**

at 3:00 p.m. in the Courtyard (or Miller Center in inclement weather). People may bring pets able to be controlled or pictures of pets. We will

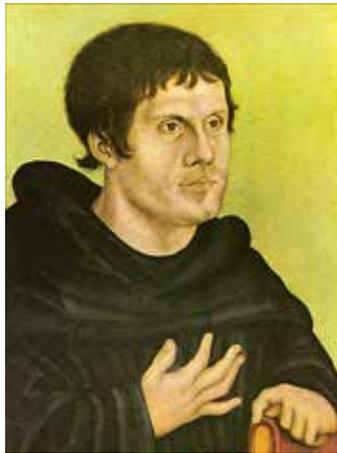
also provide time to remember departed companion animals. If you would like to help plan this all ages, open to the public event, email me at pastorhetrick@glcpa.org before August 20th so we can organize a planning team.



A Devotional from Luther: Peace and Being a Good Neighbor

This column encourages you to contemplate some of the devotional writings of Martin Luther. The core of these musings come from an old book that was passed down to me years ago entitled "Devotions and Prayers of Martin Luther." It was compiled and translated by Andrew Kosten and published in 1956. Each devotional consists of a brief scripture verse, followed by an explanation and prayer written by Luther. I update and modernize the language but otherwise "let Luther be Luther." I hope these thoughts give you peace and joy.
 ~ Pastor Schul

"God grants peace within your borders and fills you with the finest of wheat." (Psalm 147:14)



Peace is another of God's favors. Not only is there blessing and progress in the city, but the land is ringed about with peace and prosperity so that one can walk, plough, and plant. This calls to mind pious, loyal neighbors, obedient princes and peasants. There is an expression that no person can have peace longer than his or her neighbor wants, and to have an evil neighbor is surely not the least of misfortunes. Neighborliness is more conducive to peace than unlimited quantities of weapons and the protection of iron

battlements... What good is it if one has a thousand siblings, all of whom live far away? I would prefer a good neighbor above all.

Let us pray: Almighty God, you desire that we pray unitedly for all people. Give us fraternal affection that we may recognize each other as true siblings, and petition you as our common parent for all humanity as one child pleads with its parent for another. Amen.

~ Martin Luther

Super Wednesday begins September 11

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 kick off the season with several sessions on the Beatitudes. A full schedule of the Super Wednesday Bible study presentations will be in the September newsletter.

Happy Valley Hikers

On August 17th we will meet at Grace at 8:30 a.m. and head out to explore Walnut Springs Park and Thompson Woods Preserve right here in town--perfect for any age or ability. Walnut Springs Park is located at the convergence of Easterly Parkway, University Drive, and Walnut Springs Lane. Its 19.4 acres are surrounded by neighborhoods on 2.5 sides, but that doesn't take from the fact that it supports a



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 you feel

like you've escaped the borough. Since the park is located at headwaters that are fed by springs, this allows the park to support a varying list of plant life. In turn, the plethora of critters that the water and plants support is great for environmental education, exploration, and as a place that will allow your mind to wander and connect to nature. The trails are predominately a mix of pea gravel, grass, and soil, which is great if you're trying to take it easy on your knees. If this doesn't seem to be enough for you, you've got some options. On its backside is 43.36-acre Thompson Woods Preserves, comprised of a tract of woodland that has a couple of trails looping through.

~ Pastor Hetrick



It's always a good day at Good Day Café – Each week it is a joy to have my "office hours" there - Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. As always, I look forward to seeing you any of these places and in worship!

~ Pastor Hetrick

Nathan Glocke takes the Grace Choir Baton

After two years of stellar service as director of Grace's adult choir, and with many retirement adventures on the horizon, Jayne Glocke has decided to step down as director. All of us at Grace are so thankful for Jayne's contributions and the major steps forward that the choir took under her skilled direction. We are pleased to share, however, that Nathan Glocke will be taking her place as Grace's next adult choir director. What a blessing, too, that when Nate (as he prefers to be called) is unavailable, Jayne will be able to substitute for him.

Nate (pictured here with his wife Kate and son Gabe) is well-qualified for the position. He received his Bachelor of Music Education degree (voice) from Penn State in 2010. For the next four years he taught high school choir and elementary general music in Chicago, where he also sang professionally in two area choirs. He then returned to PSU to earn his Master's degree in Choral Conducting and Choral Literature with Chris Kiver. He is currently the 7th grade choir director and general music teacher at Mount Nittany Middle School and was recently appointed as the director of the Orpheus Singers, a semi-professional choir here in State College.

We look forward to Nate's leadership as Grace's adult choir continues to proclaim Christ's love and mercy through song!

~ Pastor Schul



Grace Membership Directory

In anticipation of our new pictorial church directory this fall, FREE digital photos of Grace members (with a backdrop!) will be taken by Grace member and photographer, Bill Ammerman, on

**Sundays,
September 15
September 22**

or

October 6

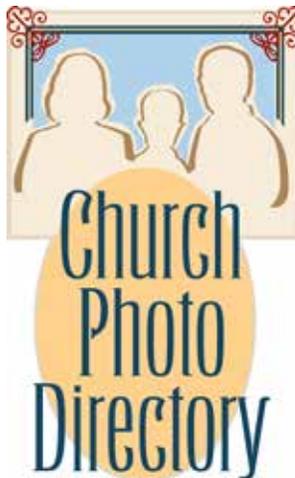
between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
in Harkins Hall

Family photos are preferred...

You do NOT need to sign up...

Please also stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a copy of a form to update your family profile information and return it as soon as possible.

Questions? Contact Sally Keiser-Bankert at sallykb@verizon.net or 814-571-3672. Thank you!



Icon Painting Workshop Nov. 3-9, 2019 at Bethany Retreat Center

Mary Kay Laplante will return to Bethany Retreat Center to share her love of icons and the spirit-filled process by which they are created. Come join us and spend a week immersed in prayer while you paint an image of one of the most beloved Western saints: St. Francis of Assisi. Mary Kay will lead the class in a step-by-step process using ancient painting techniques and natural materials rich with symbolic meaning. It will be a week of both inner spiritual work as well as an awakening for most to a different kind of spiritual practice: prayer and painting of a holy image.

Contact Mary Kay at mklaplante11@gmail.com for further information or register at the Bethany website, www.bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855.



Finances for 2019

	Actual Income vs Expense July 2018- June 2019	Budgeted Income vs Expense July 2018- June 2019	+ or (-)	%
Income	\$821,660.04	\$847,734.00	(\$26,073.96)	-3.08%
Expenses	\$821,660.04	\$847,734.00	(\$26,073.96)	-3.08%
Net Income	\$0.00	\$0.00		

Our giving income was approximately 3.5% short of our budgeted goal at the end of the fiscal year (a shortfall which was partially offset by interest income). However, we were careful with expenditures, managing to cover all expenses and set aside some money for our Property Reserve fund. July 1 marked the beginning of a new fiscal year. If you were blessed by additional income at the turn of the fiscal year, we hope you will prayerfully consider sharing some of your blessings with your church. An additional \$5 per family each week would likely erase the giving shortfall. Our church ministries exist ONLY because of you and your generosity. Thank you for being God's hands, feet, and face in our community and beyond!

Building Campaign

Actual Receipts this month	Monthly Mortgage	Fiscal YTD Receipts	Fiscal YTD Mortgage
\$11,148.00	\$15,742.70	\$184,222.73	\$188,912.00

Member donations were slightly below the budgeted income for our building this year. However, a large estate gift (not shown in these figures) during the year made up for this difference, enabling us to exceed budgeted mortgage payments and substantially reduce the principal balance of our building debt. Pastor Emeritus Lynn is leading a campaign to raise funds from members to completely pay off our mortgage which will allow Grace to direct more of our members' generous giving toward doing effective ministry.

Council Highlights Council Organizes for 2019-2020

At its July 2019 meeting, Grace's Council elected the following:
Don Coine as President,
Lisa Wiedemer as Vice President
and Nancy Reinert as Secretary

Thank you for
your willingness
to serve Grace in
these capacities!



Sally Horn to Coordinate Congregational Care Ministries at Grace

Due to increased work responsibilities, Michelle Peiffer has had to step down as Coordinator for Grace's Congregational Care teams. We are very grateful for Michelle's outstanding leadership. Our new Congregational Care Coordinator will be Sally Horn, who brings to the position a wealth of experience at both the congregational and synodical level. We are so thankful for Sally's willingness to serve. She and her husband Tom live in Boalsburg.



Grace Lutheran Softball Team Schedule

Aug. 5 - (a) Calvary Baptist
at Spring Creek 2
Aug. 12 - (a) Calvary Baptist
at Orchard Park

(h) = home; (a) = away

Welcome new members!

We welcomed the Rinehimer family as new members of Grace on July 7. Zach and Shelby joined us by transfer, while Lily (age 7), Gunnar (age 4), and Lincoln (age 2) were baptized at our 10:30 service. The Rinehimers are residents of State College and first encountered Grace through our Preschool/Kindergarten. Their positive experience there inspired them to make Grace their church home. Zach is a service advisor for Joel Confer, while Shelby is pursuing an associate degree in human development and family studies through the Penn State World Campus. We are excited to welcome the Rinehimer family to the Grace family!



Green Tip for August

As I am writing this, our area is under a heat advisory. With summer weather upon us, please consider ways to change your summer cooking and eating habits to avoid running your oven and your air conditioner at the same time — eat cooler, eat later, eat foods that don't require an oven, eat outdoors, grill a bunch all at once to have for delicious cold dishes for future lunches or dinners. Enjoy the bounty of your own garden, or someone else's, add some cheese or nuts for protein, and have a healthy meal that doesn't require much, or any, cooking.

~ Cricket Hunter



Gardeners Wanted

Do you enjoy gardening? Do you enjoy getting some fresh air? If your answer is yes to both of these questions, then please join our team of fantastic gardeners who are taking care of gardens at Grace that Don Christian so meticulously maintained for many years.



Each volunteer has chosen one to several gardens, but we have a few areas remaining that are in need of a little tender care. No experience is necessary. Our current volunteers are at a wide array of levels.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Leslie Wagner at either

lwagner2007@gmail.com or call at 814-574-2502.



The Grace Garden Giveaway

With the bounty of our summer gardens, the Grace Garden Giveaway is still in operation at the far end of the Narthex on Sundays. This table is not just for vegetables! Flowers, fruits, extra plants, and garden gleanings that we have to share can all be put there! We'll have bags for pick-up, and any leftovers will be taken to the Food Pantry or nearby nursing homes (depending on whether we have a bucket of fruit or a bouquet of flowers).



Memorial Planting

Carl Bankert and Sally Keiser-Bankert purchased and planted shrubbery in the front of the sign on the corner of Garner Street and Beaver Avenue in memory of Sally's parents, Pete and Lois Keiser. They had a love for plants and flowers, and their home was so beautifully landscaped. They taught Sally so much about gardening.

Crossfire Sing-In

Calling all t(w)eens in grades 6-12 who enjoy singing:
You are invited to our youth choir's August 25
"Sing-in" from 11:45 – 2:00...our own tropical Luau!

Following a tropical-themed lunch in Harkins Hall for all current and interested singers AND their families, Laurel Sanders and Laura Pauley will introduce teens to our youth choir's plans for this year, including a Scandinavian-themed *AdventFest, Nine Lessons and Carols*, Youth Sunday



(featuring a young composer's music), and much more. **If you are returning**, come to give your input, get a taste of the music, and

enjoy some fun activities with your friends. **If you are new**, it's a great time to see whether singing in Crossfire youth choir is something for you. We have a lot of fun not only singing and enhancing worship, but simply being together. Broaden your circle of friends at Grace!

Crossfire meets regularly on Sundays starting September 15 from 10:00—10:30 a.m. (during coffee hour and after Sunday School). **There is NO mandatory attendance**, although the more often you attend, the better we sing and the more we can accomplish together. **There are no auditions**; all are welcome and treasured! RSVP to Laurel at lsanders@glcpa.org for the lunch and indicate how many in your family will attend.

11:45—Luau lunch; tropical juice drinks, chicken, salads, banana chips, tropical desserts (Harkins Hall; food contributions welcome, but not required)

12:30—2:00 Sing-in (Fireside Room) for all t(w)eens interested in hearing and singing our songs for this year; fun music activities (high school students: expect some fun challenges while middle school students engage in some of their own!)



Volunteer for the Mentor Program with Penn State Students!

We are developing a mentor program in partnership with Lutheran Campus Ministry. It is designed to connect Grace members with Penn State students who share common academic or professional interests. We are looking for people who are willing to spend time with students, listening to their struggles and joys, and walking with them through the questions and challenges of their studies. You don't have to be an expert, just someone willing to make connections and share your experiences, too.

You can fill out an information form online at <https://bit.ly/2JHeKBP> or pick up a printed copy in the church office. Please submit your form **by Tuesday, September 3rd**. We will hold an orientation session on **Monday, September 9th** and plan to have a lunch with all the mentor pairs soon afterwards. There will be an orientation for participants and a meet-and-greet lunch where mentor partners will first meet each other.

If you have questions, contact Deacon Alicia Anderson at ara2@psu.edu.



Be a Mentor



Garden of Readin' Invites EVERYONE to an Intergenerational Summer Read

In August, Garden of Readin' will read *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool. The book, the story of an adventurous girl sent

to Manifest, Kansas, by her father in the summer of 1936, was awarded the 2011 Newberry Medal for excellence in children's literature, the Spur Award for best Western juvenile fiction, and was named a Kansas Notable Book. Read this book with your children, grandchildren, or a friend (of ALL ages) and join us on **Tuesday, August 20 at either 10:30 a.m.** in the Stinson Library or **6:00 p.m.** in Fireside to talk about it. Ellen Campbell will be facilitating the discussion. EVERYONE is welcome!!

It's a Makeover!

The Daughters of Eve has undergone a makeover. The group has a new name, a new meeting day and a slightly new format. It is hoped these changes will more effectively serve the women of our congregation. We are now the ***Sisters of Grace***, and we will be meeting the **second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Fireside**. The focus of the group will continue to be fellowship, service, spiritual growth and learning, but we will now be having stand-alone programs each month. We welcome former members of *Daughters of Eve* and new members looking for a time of fellowship and sharing. We are all sisters of the faith.

Please join us on **Monday, September 9** at 7:00 p.m. in Fireside as we make plans for the year.

The Women of Grace thank the Grace congregation for participating in our May baby shower to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Clinic in State College. Members donated diapers, baby wipes, gift cards, ointment and lotion, wash cloths, crib sheets, blankets, knitted hats and sweaters, shoes, teething rings, toys, baby spoons, bibs, onesies, and bath sets.

Thanks
for your participation

Thank you so much for your generosity!

ADULT MINISTRY



QNA

(Questions, Not Answers)

After a summer hiatus, QNA will be resuming in September. If you have been involved before, we hope you will start back when we meet in September. If you haven't, we will be happy to have new participants. Watch for more information in the September *Grace Notes* or a weekly e-note.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Park Forest Preschool, a tuition-free preschool for low-income families, is in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen to provide assistance with prepping, serving and cleaning during mealtimes for our preschoolers on

Mondays and/or Fridays during their school year. Hours would be from 9:30 a.m. - until 1:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping, please call

812- 231-

8492 or email

to: director@parkforestpreschool.org





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.

- Laundry detergent
- Canned pears and pineapple
- Salt, pepper, and spices
- Tomato products (stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Canned pasta sauce and Sloppy Joe sauce (Chef Boyardee, Manwich, etc.)
- Cooking oil
- Canned chicken
- Canned carrots
- Canned beets

PLEASE NOTE:

The Food Bank is not in need of the following: *Baby food, baby formula, green beans, corn, or protein beans*

Expired or opened food items cannot be accepted. Please check the expiration dates on items before donating them. The food donation guidelines provide assistance in determining what can be accepted: <https://scfoodbank.org/donate/current-needs-list>

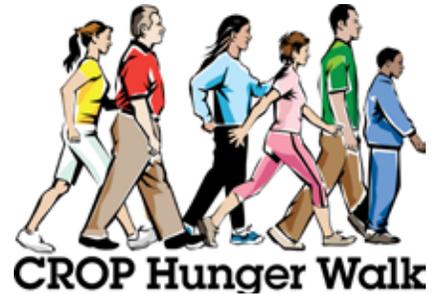


CROP Hunger Walk

821 million people around the world are hungry. 60% of people suffering from hunger are women. 12% of US households face food insecurity. You've seen these statistics on local news stations and in the faces of adults and children around the world. It is long-lasting and it's everywhere, but for the past 50 years, ordinary people who care that the people they see on a daily basis are struggling, have moved to make a difference.

The CROP Hunger Walk began in 1969, with teens in Bismarck, North Dakota and York County, Pennsylvania who were pained to see families

who had to walk miles for food and clean water. With a bit of FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE, they decided to walk with a vision of providing enough healthy food for everyone every day. Today, millions of people in nearly every state have participated in a CROP Walk. State College started a CROP Walk thirty-five years ago in 1984.



Grace Lutheran will be this year's host on October 13 at 2 p.m., with a 1:30 p.m. registration. No fee is required.

If you have yet to participate in a CROP Walk, I encourage you to step out with your own faith, hope, and love and walk in those same footprints these teens left 50 years later. 25% of the money raised is donated to the local food bank, and 75% is donated to the Church World Service. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. 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 at the same website as registration. You may also register and donate at the information table located in the narthex on September 22, 29, October 6, and 13 and at the registration table at 1:30 p.m. on October 13 in the Miller Center.

I will need volunteers to help at the information table for at least 15 minutes on Sundays from September 22-October 13. Please watch your email for signing up. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Leslie Wagner at either lwagner2007@gmail.com or at 814-574-2502.



Helping Hands Fall Mission Trip 2019

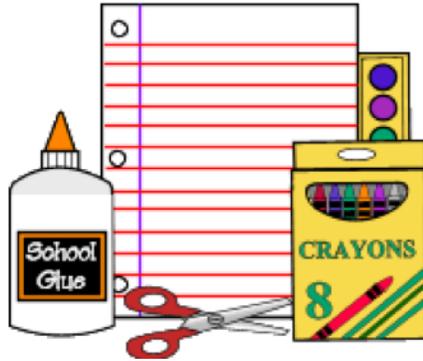
This year we will be traveling (back) to Sequanota Youth Camp **September 29 through October 4**. Sequanota is the Lutheran Church camp located in Jennerstown, PA. and its director is Pastor Nathan Pile. It is perfect for the youth of our region to experience fellowship and to learn about God. Pastor Pile has a long list of jobs to be completed and appreciates our hard work. If you like to labor (pound a nail, paint, landscape), please contact Susan Ferro, 237-8756 or by e-mail at ferro71@comcast.net to learn more about this year's mission trip.

Back to School for Lutheran World Relief

On Sunday, September 11, Women of Grace will host Fill-A-Backpack for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks to a Thrivent Financial Action Team Grant, Women of Grace purchased enough school supplies to fill 42 backpacks!

How can you help?

1. Sew a backpack with a backpack kit available in the Commons Area and drop it off in the Comfort Makers basket located there.
2. Make (or buy) a drawstring backpack and bring it to at the event.
3. Come and help fill a backpack. The event will be located in Harkins Hall after all services and during coffee hour.



All are welcome!

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. LWR kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper and your support can help write a positive future for children all over the world.

HELP OUR PRESCHOOL Giant, Weis and Sheetz Shopping Cards

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



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!

Football 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 fundraiser 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 Saturday, August 31st, at 8 a.m.



LET'S PARK SOME CARS!!!

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 the 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 25 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service we will be blessing backpacks. Whether you are a teacher, campus employee, school-age student, college 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 driver's license is a significant milestone worth recognition! Please come to receive a new key chain and a blessing on Sunday, August 25th at the 9:00 or 10:30 a.m. worship service. The key chain is a daily reminder of the love and protection you receive from God and this community.

Sunday School – Mark your calendar for the return of Sunday School on Sunday, September 15, 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.

School Kits – Time to Buy Supplies

On September 15th the Women of Grace, with the help of our middle & high school youth, will pack school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. middle and high school youth will begin their Sunday school year by packing the items into the hand-sewn backpacks. While back-to-school supplies are on sale, we are asking for your help to purchase specific school supplies and then place them in the laundry basket located in the upper commons. The bulletin board in the upper commons has a detailed list of the particular needs or please refer to the following list:

For one backpack we will need,

- 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

Grace Swim Night – If you missed it, we met at Welch Pool on Friday, June 28th. For the first time in quite a while, it was warm for our swim night! The pool was full of Grace friends and fun! Thank you all for coming out to swim, play, snack, share, and welcome our VBS kids.

Confirmation Parent Meeting – A meeting for all parents of youth planning to participate in Confirmation classes this upcoming school year will be held on Sunday, August 4 in the Library at 10 a.m. We will discuss future changes in curriculum, guidelines, and expectations, as well as review the academic calendar. Please contact Cindy and Peter (faithformation@glcpa.org) if you **cannot** attend.



JULY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28
9-10 a.m. – Summer Information Break, NYC, How did we serve? Fireside

- 12-2 p.m. – Picnic in the Park, Spring Creek Park

AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday, August 4

10:00-10:30 a.m. – Confirmation Informational Meeting, Library

Sunday, August 18

6-8 p.m. – Youth Group, Miller Center; QPR Class

Sunday, August 25

- 9 - 10 a.m. – High School Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship, Blessing of Backpacks and Blessing of New Drivers

SEPTEMBER PREVIEW

Saturday, September 7

8 a.m.-? – Car Parking

Sunday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 14

8 am-? – Car Parking

Sunday, September 15

- 9-10 a.m. – First Day of Sunday School various classrooms
- 10:30 a.m. worship – Bible Milestone for 2nd & 6th Graders

Sunday, September 22

- 12 p.m. – Confirmation Class, Miller Center
- 10-11 a.m. – Munchkin Brunchkin, Miller Center

Sunday, September 29

6-8 p.m. – Youth Group, Miller Center

QPR: SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING for High School Youth – Audience: All High School Youth

As part of the Mental Health Grant we received from the ELCA, we partnered with the Jana Marie Foundation to provide opportunities throughout the school year to recognize and better understand how to be a help to those considering suicide. Our first training, QPR, is for high school youth. We will meet on Sunday, August 18 in the Youth Room at 6 p.m. Look for an email to reserve your space in this meaningful workshop. In addition to the 18th, there is a follow-up meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 25.

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone for help. Each year thousands of Americans, like you, are saying “Yes” to saving the life of a friend, colleague, sibling, or neighbor.

KEY COMPONENTS

COVERED IN TRAINING:

- How to question, persuade and refer someone who may be suicidal
- How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide
- The common causes of suicidal behavior
- The warning signs of suicide
- How to get help for someone in crisis

Play Dates at the Park - Each Tuesday in July, from 10 a.m.-noon, we met at a different beautiful Centre County Park. Grace members, friends, and dayschool friends shared summertime stories, played on equipment, and made a craft to take home. I think my favorite was sand art! Thanks for coming out to play – see you next summer!



New York City Youth Service Trip

In July, eighteen of our youth and five adults traveled to Seafarers International House in New York City for nearly a week of service in food banks, soup kitchens, and shelters. In addition to our service work, we explored the city and were joined by some of our Grace youth alumni who make the city their home. Alexis Arbutina joined us for our service days, and we met Grant Davis and Becky Rockey at their places of work to learn how they live their daily lives and to gain a better understanding of city life. We thank those who donated and especially the “New York-opoly” donors who helped make our trip possible; you are appreciated. To hear more about our youth trip to New York City, come to the **July 28 Summer Informational Break in Fireside at 9 a.m.** If you missed our follow up in July, we hope we will have another opportunity to share our many stories. Please connect with our youth and adults to learn first hand the impact of this trip.

New York City Youth Service Trip Photos





Vacation Bible School

We had a great time “Roaring” this summer, especially since we learned that “God is Good!” Together we learned that when we feel scared, sad, uncertain, or even good, Jesus is there to help us through both the difficult and good times in life. A total of 91 kids joined us for this awesome event! Our end-of-week slideshow is available to view on our website (www.glcpa.org) under the children and youth/vacation Bible school folder as well as our Facebook page.



MANY THANKS to the crew of volunteers that taught lessons and safely navigated children through the building. Together Grace family members took 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, to the following people:

Darcy Houseknecht, Rachel Shearer, Dana Ollendyke, Wanda Meridith, Sara Proctor, Jonna Belanger, Joe Belanger, Becky Horn, Steph Flanagan, Michael McShea, Logan Proctor, Jacob Shearer, Heather Wild, Jessica Shearer, Brenda Kim, Kristen Knowles, Jennifer Pencek, Kathy Kalbach, John Kalbach, Ken Kalbach, Crystal Egan, Nicole Egan, Susan Buda, Katy Fritz, Amy Shearer, Julia Nelson, Jeff Nelson, TJ Nelson, Amanda Simcoe, Craig Peery, Joe Peters, Allie Peters, Rachel Griel, Jennifer Griel, Jessica Griel, Cathy Cutter, Tammy Davis, and Peter Horn.

With 91 kids, we couldn't have done it without you, volunteers with a heart of gold and grace!



More Vacation Bible School Photos





Openings Available for the 2019/2020 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 2019/2020 school year:

- 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.

Dates to Remember!

Monday, August 19

11 a.m. – GLPK Staff First Aid/CPR Training, Fireside

Monday, August 26

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – GLPK Curriculum and Teacher’s Aides/Substitutes Meetings, Fireside

Tuesday, August 27

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

Wednesday, August 28

- 9-10 a.m. – Meet the Teacher, Jr.K. and Preschool M-F, MWF morning and enrichment classes
- Kindergarten - First day of school with bus, no enrichment (Enrichment classes begin September 3)

Thursday, August 29

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

Friday, August 30

Kindergarten in session

Monday, September 2

Happy Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

MWF classes, First Day of School

Thursday, September 5

6 p.m. – Parent Orientation, Fireside

Saturday, September 7

GLPK’s 53rd Anniversary

Back to School!

The 2019-2020 paperwork was sent out and due back to the school office June on 28th. 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 10th. 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 emailed invitation in late August to visit your child’s new classroom and meet the teacher and teacher’s 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)



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!

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August Worship Volunteers



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

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
August 4 - Julie Miller	August 4 - Erin Luley	August 4 - Sarah Rodgers
August 11 - Open	August 11 - Erin Luley	August 11 - Ellen Campbell
August 18 - Dotty Delafield	August 18 - Angie Hardy	August 18 - Brian Christian
August 25 - Nancy Reinert	August 25 - Libby Baker-Mikesell	August 25 - Linda Schul

GREETERS - Sue Forster (876-2029/sforster@cvim.net)

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
August 4 - June Krumrine	August 4 - Gerry Slear, Louise Tarman, Carolyn Fishburn	August 4 - Gerry Slear, Carolyn Fishburn
August 11 - Martha Musser	August 11 - Joann McCormick, Marilyn Peterson	August 11 - Leslie Elder, Marilyn Peterson
August 18 - Kay Weigand	August 18 - Open	August 18 - Sue and Peter Forster
August 25 - Nancy Reinert	August 25 - Louis Tarman	August 25 - Open

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS - Sue Forster (876-2029/sforster@cvim.net)

9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
August 4 - Cathy and Les Cutter	August 4 - Sue Forster
August 11 - Sharyn Everhart	August 11 - Leslie Wagner
August 18 - Linda Domin	August 18 - Barbara Fiscus
August 25 - Carolyn Fishburn	August 25 - Sue Forster

ACOLYTES - Stephanie Fozard (238-7935/steph@fozards.com)

8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
August 4 - Open	August 4 - Caitlin and Fiona Knowles	August 4 - Lincoln Hockenberry, Netta Horn
August 11 - Ryan and Nathan Pencek	August 11 - Alexis Weyandt, Jacob Fritz	August 11 - Sophia and Mirabella Bills
August 18 - Open	August 18 - Spencer Hardyk, Ben Seaton	August 18 - Nicholas Kewitt, Emilio Schul
August 25 - Open	August 25 - Carter Fozard, Regan Houseknecht	August 25 - Renee Buda, Netta Horn

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Joyce Arbutina
(237-4512/joycearb@comcast.net)

SOUND BOOTH

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

10:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
August 4 - Lois Lynn and Leslie Wagner	August 4 - Lester Griel, Jr.
August 11 - Mark and Karen Mrsa	August 11 - Lester Griel, III
August 18 - Grant and Tammy Davis	August 18 - Richard Brenneman
August 25 - Open	August 25 - Wayne Pauley

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Piano and flute accompaniment

9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Organ accompaniment

Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Organ accompaniment

Children's Message

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

Christian praise songs with Psalm 151 worship team

Casual worship in the Sanctuary



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