

# Good News from *Grace*



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## Our Purpose

*The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.*

*Grace Church will continue to remain closed for worship and public activities through April 30th, per the Governor. This continues to be an evolving situation, and the closure could be longer.*

## **A NOTE FROM PASTOR COVER...**

April 5, 2020 will mark the beginning of a special week in the church year called "Holy Week." Within this week, the church follows the journey of Christ from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the cross and beyond: to an empty tomb.

A meaningful way to mark the days of this holiest of weeks is through worship and activities in your home. This is good news for all of us who are living in a pandemic and practicing social distancing out of great love for our neighbor.

On the next page there are a few ideas for keeping a Holy Week. Also referenced here are items sent in a mailing to our Sunday School families, along with other crafts or ideas for activities to bring the message alive in a tactile sense!

Blessings on your Holy Week and Easter,  
+Pastor Virginia Cover

## **ONLINE AND MOBILE APP GIVING**

Our new and secure giving portal is up! Just in time for us to give online—right on our website (or, on an app on your phone) and keep our church afloat during this time. We are continuing to pay bills and staff; we want to have a church when this is all over! Thank you for your contributions! For more about the online giving go to <https://www.gracecamphill.org/give>

Don't have a computer or a smartphone. Not a problem! Just mail in your contribution to the church: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church - 1610 Carlisle Road, Camp Hill PA 17011

(Note: Wendy is in the office Mon.—Thurs., but the office is closed to the public)

## **GRACE YOUTH GROUP (GYG) SCHEDULE**

### **APRIL 2020**

4/21 JYG Zoom Meeting

### **MAY 2020**

5/3 GYG Night  
5/17 Last GYG Night  
Sunday Sundae  
Ushering & Coffee  
Hour  
5/31 Graduation Sunday

**Please call  
Pastor Cover  
(717-525-4617)  
or Pastor Evan  
(717-497-3742)  
directly if you need  
pastoral assistance  
during this time!**

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## SOME RESOURCES FOR WORSHIPING AT HOME:

### reLent: A Devotional Guide Booklet 2

Click on link above to download or contact the church office to have it mailed to you.

### Taking Faith Home

Click on the link above to download or contact the church office to have it mailed to you. There is one for each Sunday in April as well as Holy Week and Easter Vigil.

### Weekly Order of Worship from the ELCA Worship Blog

Click on the link above to access this information.



Join Pastor Evan via Zoom on Tuesdays for Bible Study at 1:00pm or 7:00pm. If you were in the Tuesday Bible Study he has already sent the links to you. *Please note that there is a specific link for each time.*

If you don't have a computer you can still join in by phone. Pick the time then call 1-646-876-9923. The Password or Meeting ID is 717-497-3742.

If you have any problems or questions you can contact Pastor Evan at [pastorevan47@gmail.com](mailto:pastorevan47@gmail.com) or 717-497-3742.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR PALM SUNDAY—EASTER

Set a time this week to read the scripture for the day together. The readings appointed here capture the major events and themes of each day of Holy Week.

### Adults, Teens, and Spark! Bible Readers:

Palm Sunday:	Matthew 21:1-11
Holy Monday:	Matthew 18:1-5
Holy Tuesday:	Matthew 26:47-56
Holy Wednesday:	Matthew 26:57-75
Maundy Thursday:	John 13:1-17
Good Friday:	John 19:1-30
Easter Vigil:	Exodus 14:10-29* and John 20:1-18
Easter Sunday:	Matthew 28:1-10

*\*This scripture selection may seem out of order, but on the Great Vigil of Easter, we read stories from all of scripture about God showing up when the people are afraid and the future is unknown. The sea crossing is but one story in the collection, and yet a powerful way to understand what happens in our baptism—God provides a way where there is no way (through the waters!) to new life, salvation, and freedom for all.*

Below are some suggestions for families with kids. A packet with this information should have been mailed out to you. If you did not receive it the information can be found on the website by clicking here: <https://www.gracecamphill.org/keeping-a-holy-week-at-home>

### Spark Story Bible Readers

Read the Story and end with the "squiggles" activity or question. Some suggestions are below to expand what squiggles asks or suggests.

Palm Sunday: "Palm Sunday" page 454

See "Remembering through Actions" in the Keeping a Holy Week at Home handout to capture the squiggles activity!

Monday: "Whose the Greatest" page 324

Tuesday: "Jesus is Betrayed" page 468

Wednesday: "Christ the King" page 474

Maundy Thursday: "The Last Supper" page 462

To expand the squiggles question, do something to show people you love them today. Facetime with family or friends you can't be with, or prepare a card to mail to them.

Good Friday: "The Day Jesus Died" page 476

Talk about what makes you sad or afraid, especially in these days. Color the picture of Sad from Inside Out (in the at home resources). Say a prayer together asking God to calm your fears and take care of everyone who is sick.

Easter Vigil: "The Red Sea" page 84\*

In the church we remember our baptism when we are scared. Prepare a bowl of water. Take turns dipping your fingers in it and making the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads. Say "God is with you. Do not fear."

Easter Sunday: "The Empty Tomb" page 483 Make a newspaper and deliver it or "film" a newscast with good news! Share or post on social media! #goodnews #notcancelled

## WE HOLD IN PRAYER THOSE IN THE MEDICAL FIELDS....



Katie Perella-Carvalhaes	Brad Moore, MD
Lauren S.	Kirsten Hyatt, MS
Megan S	William Schell, MD
Dixie S.	Star Peiffer
Ben S.	Patty Rohde
Katelynn S.	Melanie Augustine
Tess J.	Deb Fickes
Kay L.	Jenny Castillo
Art L.	Jill Green
Addison McInnes	Mary Brown
Corky Graf	Kara
Ken Graf	Sherry Hartzell
Kristin Quesenberry	Tracey Hartzell
Maureen Minard	Josh Barr
	Chrystal
	Sante
	Cindy Frost
	Elaine Smith
	Sharon Eppley
	Kayleigh Titzel
	Brendan Bergey

## FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is posting a sign up genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DADA623ABF94-food>) for food that would be appreciated during this time. They also plan on taking food to their families in transitional housing as well as past guests. The sign up genius didn't give individual slots for each item so please list in the comments how much of something you will be giving.

## NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

New Hope Ministries is calling on healthy volunteers who can give their time to ensure that food services and other essential programs can continue. If you are interested in volunteering please call The West Shore Center, Bosler Ave. Lemoyne (717) 774-6255 or The Mechanicsburg Center, Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg (717) 766-7333.

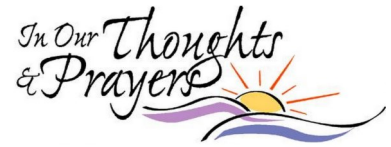
We are also appealing to the generosity of our supporters and communities to donate funds to support our essential services during a time of expected reduced support and increased need.

**[Click here to donate online to New Hope Ministries](#)**

## THE GIVING PANTRY

The Giving Pantry is moving the Meals to Go to a 'pre-order' status. If you are in need of a meal or items from Pantry please contact GarriAnn at 717-856-2760 or [hearn2003@comcast.net](mailto:hearn2003@comcast.net) by 12noon on Tuesday. The meal and pantry items will be prepackaged and volunteers with take them out to the cars on **Wednesdays 3:00pm—5:00pm.**

If you wish to help prepack meals on Wednesdays at 1:00pm contact GarriAnn. There is a limit to the number of people able to help at one time. *Please do not just show up to help.*



### ***We hold in prayer especially this week...***

Debbie Aldridge, Joyce Allan, Pastor Evan Houck, Sis Hoffman, Amy Downs, Garry Murray, James Silcox, Dave Buchanan, David Feaser, Tim Butler, Janet Gordon, Art Hall, Sr., Vernon Frazier, Barbara D., Sue Daniella, Dean Jury, Charlie Buchanan, Tricia Snavelly, and Brad Bert,

### ***We hold in ongoing prayer...***

Diane Brokenshire, David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Caroline Witmer, Paulette Lauver, Lesly Richards, Elijah Conroy, Delores Miller, Frank Blizzard, Jim Stoll, Susan Blumberg, Lisa Leen, Eileen McCann, Mary Heverling, Mike Lutz, John Eck, Destiny Glenn, and Reinhard C.

### ***We also hold our shut-ins in prayer:***

John Hench, Shirley Hughes, John Shuey, Phyllis Patterson, John Titzel, Jane Peters, Betty Bennett, Phyllis Probst, Harlow Fluevog, and Dick Cromer.

### ***In our military:***

Charles Hildebrand, Corey Latsha, Alex Robison, Larry G. Lackey and Gabriel Bailey.

## GRACE STAFF IS HERE FOR YOU....

Our staff is committed to serving our congregational members and community, even when we cannot be physically present with many of you. Here are a few ways we are continuing to serve:

Even though our church office is closed to the "public," we have one staff person, Wendy, in the office working Monday-Thursdays to keep things running. She is able to retrieve messages from our voicemail system regularly, check the mail, etc. So don't hesitate to mail in your contributions.

Diane, who puts together our Grace News and enters contributions, works from home. She has remote access to pretty much everything, enabling work to continue as usual.

Chris continues to come in to the office, using the desk in the small conference room (rather isolated) to pay our bills and handle receipts.

Our custodian, Ed, continues to go about his regular work and many small projects that are usually saved "for later" when he has time.

Pastor Cover works from home and works from the office. She can be reached either by phone 717-525-4617 or email [pastorcover.gelc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcover.gelc@gmail.com).

Pastor Evan is working from home and from the office too. He can be reached either by phone 717-497-3742 or email [pastorevan47@gmail.com](mailto:pastorevan47@gmail.com).

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS....

4/1	James Bechtel Rachel Jacoby
4/2	Eric Flook Mitchell Hearn
4/3	Stephanie Thomas
4/4	Lois Boor Donna Leisenring Louis Lore Sharon Potteiger James Statler
4/5	Earl Artz Theresa Snyder
4/6	Cynthia Briel Brandon Potteiger Valerie Sheaffer
4/7	Cole Ryder
4/8	Megan Clista
4/9	Kimberly Kirsch Herbert Linderer, Jr. Joyce Thomas
4/10	Liam Gunnett Kaden Scharein
4/11	Kathryn Perella-Carvalhaes Clair Smith
4/13	Diane Brokenshire Ruth Rhodes Stephen Sultzaberger Josaphine Zimmerman
4/14	Kelly Curran Tanya Flook-Cuevas Gavin Graves Allison Kirsch Benjamin Long Jessica Painter
4/15	Jaxson Flook Sherry Kiser Kim Smith
4/16	Janet Gordon Amy Helmuth Beth Jury
4/17	William R. Barlup, II Alexander McQuade Ray Miller Bonnie Young

4/18	Gloria Boyer Amy Evans Madeleine Glidewell
4/19	Carolyn Buchanan Angela Kramer Elaine Price
4/20	Jacob Gabler Gregory Hartman Connor O'Haren Matthew Ozimok
4/21	Becky Rohrbeck
4/22	Reed Bozart Laura Brouse Danny Zimmerman Ann Barnett Joseph Jackson Lori Ryerson-Mains
4/24	Jeffrey Ramsey
4/25	Sean Hyser Bonnie Taylor Bryan Weber
4/26	Ian Gainor
4/27	Cashlyn Bozart Ted Evans John Lane Tyler Schurtz Kamryn Weber
4/28	Michael Klaiber John Ozimok Kim Trout
4/29	Charles McInnes Ray Ramsey
4/30	Connie Angus Brandon Hoover Charles Thomas, III Thomas Zimmerman, III

*We had refrained from printing dates for birthdays due to privacy concerns; however, it has made reaching out to our members more difficult, especially in this time. If you would prefer to not have your birthdate shared, please email or call Diane in the church office (x15) and let us know. Thank you!*

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you are someone you know could benefit from one of the Prayer shawls please contact the church office at [gelc@comcast.net](mailto:gelc@comcast.net) or 717-737-0439 and leave a message with the name, address and phone number of the shawl recipient. We have members who are willing to drop them off for these people.







## FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

This week I would like to highlight a hymn that was new to me when the ELW came out. ELW 581, You Are Mine. The refrain goes like this:

*Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I Love you and you are mine.*

This reminds me I am called by God. He knows my name and will uphold me in all things. Let me share the other verses:

*I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.*

*I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.*

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, and walk and live!*

Hopefully the words of this hymn will be with you this week as you journey through our "new normal". May we all be together soon.

Take care and be safe,

Carolyn Houck

## DAY CAMP AT GRACE

Come for a week of fun in a Christian community setting **June 22-26th at Grace Church from 8:30am - 4:30pm.** Open to all K-5th graders based on the grade they completed in 2020. The camp will be led by trained staff from the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA.

Attendees will need to pack a lunch and we will provide the snacks and fun! In addition to the camp-style fun, games, and singing, we will spend one afternoon at a local pool, and one afternoon bowling!

At the end of the week on Friday at 4:30pm family & friends can join us at Kentland for a celebration.

Cost per Camper: \$ 150.00/week

Drop off up to 9:00am and pick up after 4:00pm will be here at the Church (1610 Carlisle Road, Camp Hill), but some days will be spent at Kentland. For Registration and payment information go to

[www.gracecamphill.org/daycamp](http://www.gracecamphill.org/daycamp).



## LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATIONS VIRTUAL CAMPFIRE



We are having a Virtual Campfire! But we need your help. Post a video of your family singing a favorite camp song or performing a skit. Tag us in the upload and use #lccKirchenwald #lccNawakwa #lccVirtualCampfire or send the video to [campfire@lutheranccmping.org](mailto:campfire@lutheranccmping.org) and we'll upload it. Then check out our social media pages for uploaded videos.



Join Jesse Woodrow for Virtual Youth Group via Zoom. You should have already received a link from him with the instructions on how to use Zoom. If you have not received this information please contact him at [gracechyg@gmail.com](mailto:gracechyg@gmail.com) or by phone if needed.

## THIS MONTH AT GRACE

The **Sanctuary Lamp** for **April** is given by Dawn McCollum in loving memory of husband, Bob.

The **Special Benevolence** for **April** is **ELCA World Hunger**. Please indicate "ELCA World Hunger" on the front of offering envelope under Comments, and make checks payable to GELC.

## WAYS TO GET ESSENTIAL ITEMS

We are committed to providing assistance to those in need during this crisis, specifically via the benevolence fund Pastor Cover uses to assist individuals and families with grocery cards and utility bills, as well as through the Giving Pantry. Assistance for congregational members who need help obtaining groceries or other necessary items is, also, available. Please call the church office and leave us a message (or call Pastor Cover directly at 717-525-4617. We are here to serve you.

For those with a computer (or maybe a family member can place your order if you don't have a computer) below are some local stores that will deliver groceries. *Please note that delivery times are limited and due to high volume it may be over a week until you can get a date scheduled.*

Giant Direct (powered by Peapod) offers contactless delivery of groceries, prescriptions (for seniors) etc. Enter your zip code to see if they deliver to your area: <https://www.peapod.com/>

Wegmans offers delivery and curbside pick-up. Click on the In Store to switch it to either curbside or delivery: <https://shop.wegmans.com/list/review>

Weis to Go offers delivery and curbside pick up out of their Camp Hill (#125) store which covers the following zip codes for delivery (17043/17070/17011/17050/17101/17104): <https://www.weismarkets.com/shop/#%2F>

Karns Foods offers deliver through Instacart and Shipt: <https://www.karnsfoods.com/shop-online/delivery/>

The Healthy Grocer on Trindle Road is also offering pick-up or delivery of their items: <http://thehealthygrocerstore.com/>

Also, need a prescription refilled? Both CVS (<https://www.cvs.com/shop?icid=CVS-HOME-PWRZN-SHOP>) and Rite-Aid (<https://www.riteaid.com/shop/>) have delivery available. CVS is even offering free shipping on all prescriptions.

## STAYING CONNECTED



Reach out to each other. The online directory has been updated with phone numbers and email

addresses. You will need a password to access it. If you do not have it please call the church office at 717-737-0439 or email [gclc@comcast.net](mailto:gclc@comcast.net) and we can send it out to you.

**Good News from Grace** articles are due by **12:00pm on Tuesdays**. Email to [gclc@comcast.net](mailto:gclc@comcast.net)

### Join us for Worship!

**Sundays at 9:30 AM**

**via Livestream**

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
*Livestream available at*  
[www.gracecamphill.org](http://www.gracecamphill.org)

**Sundays September to May  
at 10:45AM**

Sunday School for ALL ages!



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