

# 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.*

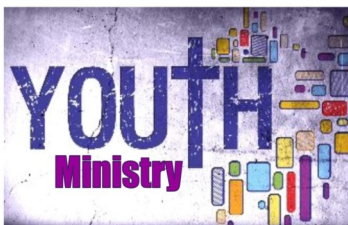
## SUMMER SERMON SERIES: FOLLOW ME

This summer our gospel readings take us through Matthew's chapters, as the disciples learn what it means to witness, serve, and follow Jesus. Join us as we take a look at these texts each Sunday and discuss what it means for us to follow Jesus in our current context.

## CALLING ALL SEWERS

Are you able to sew cloth masks? If so we could use your help. We would like to have masks on hand if needed once we open for in-person worship. The masks can be made using any pattern of your choice, but should meet the current guidelines. If you need a pattern we can send you one. Just contact the church office by email or [gelc@comcast.net](mailto:gelc@comcast.net) or by phone 717-737-0439. Or email Diane at [deppengelc@gmail.com](mailto:deppengelc@gmail.com).

Completed masks may be dropped off Monday—Thursday 8am to 12noon at the new service window.



I wanted to let you know of **two in-person activities** we are currently working on! We will be having a **backyard cookout** and game time later in summer as well as a **work day at church**, similar to what we do on Good Friday typically. We would love for the outside of our church to look beautiful for re-opening. So in

addition to our virtual meetings, we will be doing some things in person. We will be following the reopening committee suggestion for these events which includes but is not limited to: social distancing, mask wearing, advanced sanitization and staying outdoors. Again, please stay tuned to hear more information!

Jesse Woodrow

Grace Lutheran Church

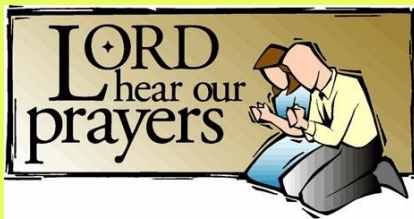
will re-open for in-person worship on August 8 & 9

Service times TBD

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

Carm Mitchell, Amber Shearer, Linda Kaufmann, Steven Noll, Janet Montan, Roger Alling, Sally Snyder, Jennifer Heverling, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, Garry Murray, James Silcox, Dave Buchanan, Tim Butler, Art Hall, Sr., Vernon Frazier, Barbara D., 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.

### *We hold in prayer especially those in the medical fields ...*

Katie Perella-Carvalhaes

Lauren S.

Megan S.

Dixie S.

Ben S.

Katelynn S.

Tess J.

Kay L.

Art L.

Addison McInnes

Corky Graf

Ken Graf

Kristin Quesenberry

Maureen Minard

Brad Moore, MD

William Schell, MD

Kirsten Hyatt, MS

Star Peiffer

Patty Rohde

Melanie Augustine

Jenny Castillo

Jill Green

Mary Brown

Kara

Sheri Hartzell

Tracy Hartzell

Josh Barr

Chrystal

Sante

Cindy Frost

Eileen Smith

Sharon Eppley

Kayleigh Titzel

Brendan Bergey

Judith Zeiders

Amy Evans

Laurie Colman

Connie Malmborg

Ashley Morris

Amy Schwab

Beth Gargiulo

Tami Heath

Julie Draper

Deb Fickes

Amanda McNally

Justin Young

Jessica Chestnut

Stephanie Sampson

Samantha & Peter Kang

David Bergquist, MD



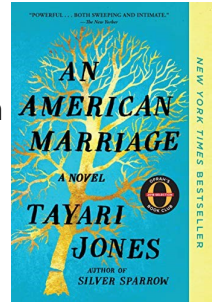
The Book Club will meet again on **Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00pm.**

TBD as to whether it will be in-person or via zoom. The next book is **"An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones.**

#### Book Synopsis

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. Though fiercely independent, Celestial finds herself bereft and unmoored, taking comfort in Andre, her childhood friend, and best man at their wedding. As Roy's time in prison passes, she is unable to hold on to the love that has been her center. After five years, Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned, and he returns to Atlanta ready to resume their life together.

This stirring love story is a profoundly insightful look into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control. *An American Marriage* is a masterpiece of storytelling, an intimate look deep into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while moving forward—with hope and pain—into the future.





7/1 Rob Bozart  
Frederick Klingensmith  
Earl Mellott  
7/2 Nathan Robison  
7/3 Harry Clark  
Randall Kaufmann  
7/6 Daniel Glatfelter  
7/7 Shawn Baumbach  
Jonathan DeYoung  
Joachim Grimm  
Daniel Rohde  
Michael Statler  
7/8 Michelle Knight  
7/9 Kristopher Hartman  
Avalyn Klock  
Elijah Klock  
7/10 Lucy Harman  
7/11 Elisa Briel  
Arianna Heidingsfelder  
Janice Hench  
Debra Hoover  
Bryce Vauter  
7/12 Dominique Johansen  
Lamar Light  
Garret Meador  
7/13 Richard F. Miller  
Brenda Weller  
7/14 Justin Leer  
Mya Vogelsong  
Bonne Welch

7/15 Melissa Artnak  
Terry Stopfel  
7/16 Miles Glidewell  
Jaxon Gunnett  
Abigail Jones  
7/17 Ann Castillo  
Dana Little  
Allison Ramsey  
Madison Shiley  
7/18 Rebecca Easton  
Kimberly Franklin  
Lucy Leer  
Justin Seeger  
Mark Weigle  
7/19 Larry Edwards  
7/20 Shirley Leonhart  
Jacob Weigle  
7/21 Anna Allewelt  
Jan Haas  
7/23 Jacob Hartman  
Carolyn Houck  
Sherry White  
7/24 Larry Sorensen  
7/25 Kristen Hyatt  
Eric Madden  
Sarena Vogelsong  
7/26 David Lebo  
7/28 Wendell Harris  
Sarah Mazan  
Michael Youse  
7/29 Virginia Cover  
7/30 Melissa Brouse  
7/31 Logan Campbell  
Nicholas Campbell  
Marta Hamme  
Heather Kauffman

## HILLS & VALLEYS WOMEN'S GROUP

**Will not be meeting in July.** The next meeting will be in August. Keep posted for date and whether or not it will be via zoom.

## CAREGIVER & GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month **(July 23) at 11:00am.** TBD if in-person or via zoom.

Reading assignments for the next meeting:

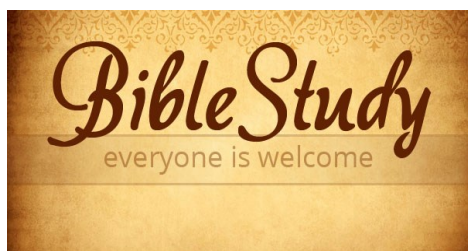
*Caregiver Book—Chapter 4*  
*Grief Book—Chapters 8 & 9*

## BULLETIN & MAILING SPONSORSHIP

Bulletin & Weekly Mailing Sponsorships help offset the costs we have printing and mailing information to those without access to the internet as well as Sunday bulletins. If you wish to sponsor a week you can check out available dates by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by contacting the church office at [gelc@comcast.net](mailto:gelc@comcast.net) or 717-737-0439 or Diane at [deppengelc@gmail.com](mailto:deppengelc@gmail.com). Bulletin & Mailing sponsorship is \$ 27.00.

## ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

[CLICK HERE](#) to see dates available to sponsor. You can, also, contact Diane at [deppengelc@comcast.net](mailto:deppengelc@comcast.net) or the church office by phone 717-737-0439 or by email



## BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays at 1:00pm or 7:00pm  
via Zoom online or by phone**

Please note there **will not** be Bible Study June 30th or July 7th.

**Bible Study will resume on July 14th.** If you wish to participate please contact Pastor Evan at 717-497-3742 or [pastorevan47@gmail.com](mailto:pastorevan47@gmail.com) for the login information.

*Note: The phone number is a toll call and charges may apply.*

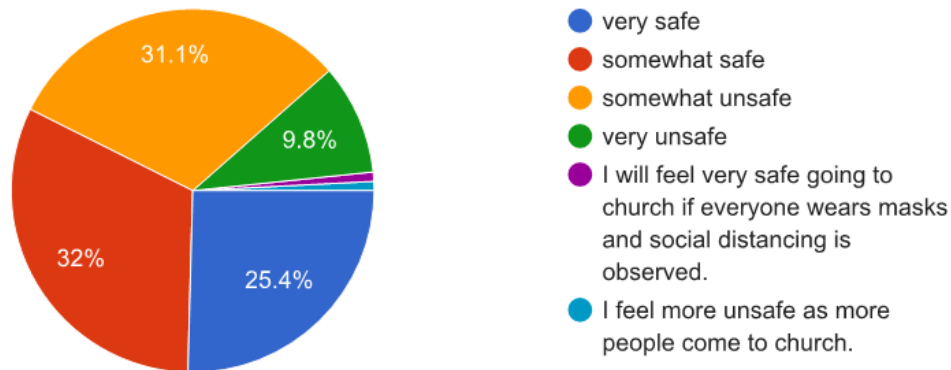
## REOPENING SURVEY RESULTS & UPDATES

Thank you to our Grace members for a great response to our Reopening Survey. We received 122 responses! Wow! Our taskforce continues to meet every week, reviewing updated materials from our synod and other church bodies (such as the Catholic Diocese), our insurance carrier, and the CDC. We have begun outlining guidelines for returning to in-person worship as well as for small groups to meet in-person. When these are complete and reviewed by the council, they will be posted on our website and sent to you via the Grace News.

Here are some of our survey response results:

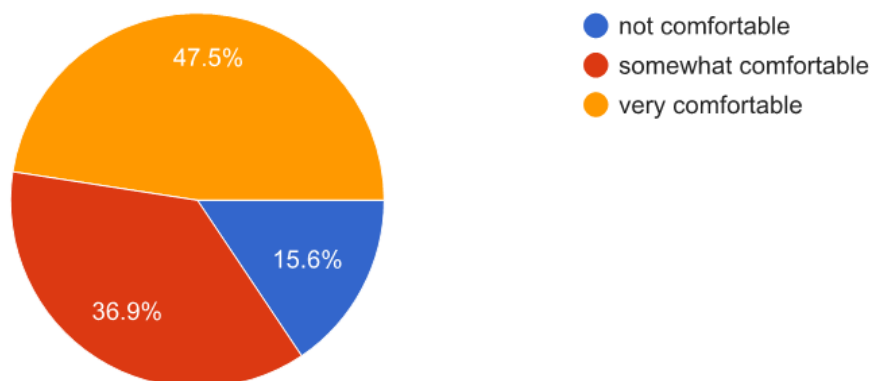
How safe do you feel coming to church at this time?

122 responses



How comfortable would you be with gathering in a small group (less than 25 people), such as Book Club, Women's Group, Bible Study, etc., using a larger space such as the Social Hall?

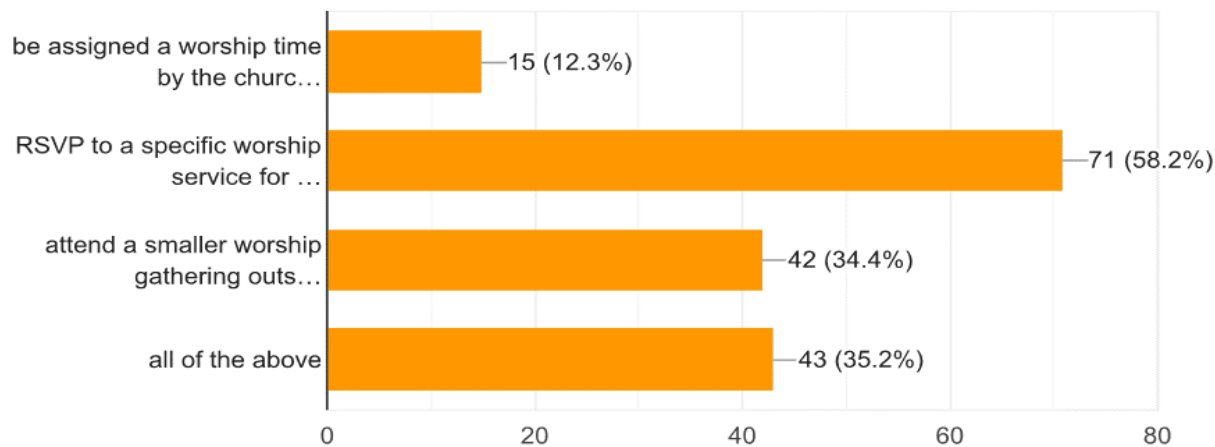
122 responses





In order to reduce the number of worshipers at one service, we may add worship opportunities, such as several services on Sunday morning. Would you be willing to (choose all that apply):

122 responses



In terms of the two questions about whether folks would attend in-person for worship/small groups or whether they would continue to join via live stream or zoom:

48.4% said a combination of both for *worship*, the largest percentage in the category;

37.7% said a combination of both for *small groups*, the largest percentage in the category.

In addition, the survey short-answer results indicated that some of our members will not be returning to in person worship until there is a vaccine for COVID-19.

***At this point our group can share a few decisions with you.***

We have arrived at these protocols out of concern for the most vulnerable among us, your survey results, and the recommendations of the sources listed above.

- For groups and worship, everyone will be required to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth, except for children under 2.
- For groups and worship, everyone will be required to practice physical (social) distancing of 6 feet. Worship in-person will not include congregational singing, and will encourage speaking in soft tones or mouthing responses only. *Singing and even loud speaking is a "super-spreading" activity for aerosolized particles.*
- We will begin welcoming small groups to meet in-person before we open worship to in-person gatherings.
- Even though our worship life will look different in this new time, our worship staff will strive for meaningful, creative, and fulfilling worship for all who attend *and* for all who continue to worship via live stream.
- When we return to in-person worship, there will be a service offered on Saturday evening at 6:00p.m. (Whether that service can be safely held in the chapel is still being decided.)
- Protocols for the distribution of Holy Communion in person have been offered through our bishop's office and other church bodies. We are reviewing these and plan to offer Holy Communion in a *variety of settings* so that our members are comfortable, have choices for their own safety, and can receive the sacrament regularly.

**More information will be forthcoming**, and our taskforce continues to work diligently on preparations for everyone's safety. Check your Grace News, the website, and our live stream worship announcements for up-to-date information. **Keep our taskforce and their work in your prayers**—Rick Keen, Michelle Knight, Nancy Whitcomb, Sue Gasswint, Carolyn Houck, and Pastor Cover.

## THIS MONTH AT GRACE

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, June 28th** have been given by Jean Junkins in memory of Walter Junkins.

The Sanctuary Lamp for **June** is given by Diane Brokenshire in loving memory of her mother and brother Laury

The **Special Benevolence** for **June** is **Lutheran Camping Corporation**.

Please indicate "Lutheran Camping Corporation" on the front of the offering envelope under Comments, and make checks payable to GELC.



THESE DAYS WE DO NOT NEED HYMN BOOKS  
AS ALL OF THE WORDS TO THE SONGS  
CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET

CartoonChurch.com

## JUNE 28, 2020 (FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

**Matthew 10:40** – "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

You don't have to watch hours of Martha Stewart to master the art of hospitality. Just fling wide the door. Community forms and flourishes in the soil of wide welcome and presence (i.e. hospitality). How will a new reality reform both your hospitality and community?



## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Sandy Yetter has a new phone number (717-766-2874). The online directory has been updated.

If you need the password to access the online directory just call the church office at 717-737-0439 or email [gelc@comcast.net](mailto:gelc@comcast.net)

## A THANK YOU FROM PASTOR COVER

Thank you to the Tuesday Bible Study folks for their generosity and kind words about our live stream worship during this pandemic! I know I am thankful we can "worship together" during this time using technology, and I am thankful for Chris Jury, Carolyn and Bonnie who contribute their gifts to *every worship* service, making it a rich experience for all at home.



## THE GIVING PANTRY

Meals and supplies are '**pre-order**' only. If you are in need of a meal or items from Pantry please contact GarriAnn by phone (717)856-2760 or by email [hearn2003@comcast.net](mailto:hearn2003@comcast.net) by **12noon on Tuesdays**.

These items will be prepackaged and volunteers will take them out to the cars on **Wednesdays 3:00pm to 5:00pm**.

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

## Join us for Worship!

**Sundays at 9:30 AM**

via Livestream

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

Sunday School for ALL ages!



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