

Good News from Grace

APRIL 2021

Our Purpose

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

Second Sunday of Easter, April 11, 2021

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." – 1 John 1:8

The Creator of all has given us responsibility for our home planet. If we say we have no responsibility for being good stewards of creation, we also deceive ourselves. May we rise to the task and work for the good that God breathes into existence.



In-Person Worship Saturdays at 6:00pm

(25 person capacity)

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up

In-Person Worship Sundays at 9:30am

(75 person capacity)

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up

Or contact the church office at 717-737-0439 to register

Please continue to 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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IN MEMORIAM

We share the news of the death of one of our members, Bob Egley. Bob died on April 3, 2021. Due to Covid-19 restrictions a private funeral will be held. [CLICK HERE](#) to view his obituary.

GRACE YOUR CLOSET

Grace Your Closet is holding a Saturday Clothing Extravaganza on **April 10, 2021 from 9am to 12noon** at Grace Lutheran Church.

Open to anyone. FREE clothing from infant - 3XL for men, women and children.

Questions?

Contact Garri Ann Hearn

717-856-2760 or

missann@marketsquarefrieends.org



MANIFEST THE GLORY OF GOD

Manifest the Glory of God will be performed at Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center on

April 23 at 7pm

April 24 at 7pm

April 25 at 4pm

Christin is a 10th grader who, from her childhood, had been very strong in her Christian faith and practice. But lately, she's been wondering what it's all about. Amidst all her church involvement, Christin ponders the age-old question, "What is the purpose of my life?" She challenges her role in the world and struggles in her relationship with God as she

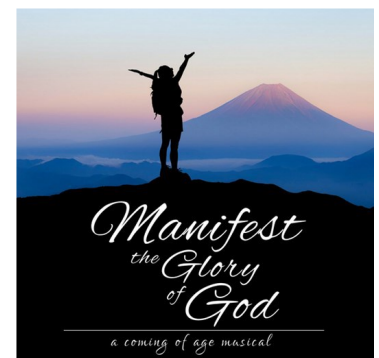
ponders, "How can I make a difference in the world?" and "What is God's plan for my life?" With the help of her parents, teachers and friends, Christin finds a path to spiritual renewal and discovers that the meaning of life is simply to "Manifest the Glory of God."

Manifest the Glory of God is a musical written by Tom Blaisse and includes original songs crafted by the playwright, such as "Celebrate," "The Lord is MY shepherd," "Amazing Place," "Manifest the glory of God," and nine other solo and choral, praise and worship songs. The music serves to inspire, uplift and reconnect

the audience to God's love for us all.

To preview the music [CLICK HERE](#).

Tickets are available at <https://thehcpac.org/hcpac-events/manifest-friday-04-23/>



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 Malmberg, 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, Karen Redclift Albidrez, Elizabeth Brickell, and Maura White.

The West Shore Center of **New Hope Ministries** is looking for volunteers for the following:

Front Desk Receptionist
Pantry Worker
Job Junction

Food Appointment Scheduler
Warehouse Worker

For more information regarding volunteering in these capacities please contact New Hope Ministries at 717-432-2087 or info@nhm-pa.net

FAMILY PROMISE—VOLUNTEER/ DONATE

Family Promise (a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower families through relationships and skill-building to move from homelessness to home) has looked much different since COVID; however, the program has continued to help families during this difficult time. The families currently enrolled in the program stay at the Day Center rather than at Host churches, since most host churches have been closed or have limited access. This has created some great opportunities for the Family Promise staff to become more aware of the needs of the families and ways to meet those needs. Although things are not "back to normal", Family Promise is considering some new ways for volunteering.

Right now, we are just asking what the comfort level of volunteers might be. Would you be willing to stay overnight at the Day Center (could begin at 8 or 9pm and end at 7am)? Would you be willing to volunteer during the day for a few hours (4, 6 or 8-hour shifts)? Would you be willing to provide meals?

If you are comfortable with volunteering, please let me know and what you are interested in doing. If you are not comfortable volunteering, please visit the Family Promise website (<https://www.familypromisehcr.org/get-involved>) for other ways you can help.

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CAMP SUNDAY

Interested in Summer Camp, but not sure what it will be like or where to start? Join Camp Person, Kristin Hyatt, for Camping Sunday to learn all about our local church camps!

Camp Sunday will take place at Kentland on **Sunday, April 18, from 1:00 - 2:30pm.**

Expect camp games, trivia, a campfire with songs and snacks! Kristin will also be able to answer all your registration and camping questions.

Can't make it in person? Join us via zoom on **Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00pm** for a virtual camping evening. For login information for this event contact Kristen Hyatt at kir.youse@gmail.com or 717-350-6882

Please contact us at
717-737-0439 or
gelsc@comcast.net each month
and let us know if you wish to
have someone remain on the
prayer list.

We hold in prayer especially this week...

Marc Myers, Barry Hoover, Jim Lehman, Jane Peters, Sudy Stoll, Mary Jane Syle, Micah Mains, Keith Downs, Louella Young, Frank Blizzard, Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Hope Stempo, Barry Fenicle, Ben & Marilyn Clark, Sally Snyder, Gerald & Darlene M, Amber Shearer, Jennifer Heverling, Garry Murray, James Silcox, Vernon Frazier, Dean Jury, Tricia Snavely and friends & family of Bob Egley.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

John Titzel, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Dave Buchanan, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, Mary Lee Ryder, Jack Alfano, Dorothy Edquist, Barbara D, Diane Brokenshire, David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Caroline Witmer, Paulette Lauver, Lesly Richards, Elijah Conroy, Delores Miller, 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:

Louis Lore, John Hench, Shirley Hughes, John Shuey, Phyllis Patterson, Betty Bennett, Phyllis Probst, Harlow Fluevog, and Dick Cromer.

In our military:

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



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FATHER OF FIBS

from LIVING LUTHERAN | MARCH 16, 2021 | BY FRANK G. HONEYCUTT

He speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies
- John 8:44

In the title tale of Karen Russell's wry collection of short stories, [Orange World](#) (Knopf, 2019), a fearful mother, worried about her baby, strikes a deal with the devil, who usually appears as a nocturnal fox stalking the neighborhood.

"I can help you," the voice offers.

"What are you?" the woman, Rae, asks.

"That's the wrong question. What would you like me to do?"

When I arrived on campus for seminary in the fall 1981, certain I'd be kicked out during the first semester for all the doubts I secretly harbored, it was popular for future pastors in the classes above us "juniors" to slide up and mischievously ask: "Do you believe in the devil?"

Lutherans and many other Protestants have found it increasingly difficult to believe in organized spiritual evil in the world. Denominational magazine surveys consistently reveal a much higher percentage of respondents who believe in the existence of God compared to God's biblical nemesis.

"The repertoire of evil has never been richer," writes Andrew Delbanco in [The Death of Satan: How Americans Have Lost the](#)

[Sense of Evil](#) (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 1995). "Yet never have our responses been so weak. We have no language for connecting our inner lives with the horrors that pass before our eyes in the outer world."

The malevolent force usually known as "Satan" also goes by a variety of other names - Beelzebul (literally, "Lord of the flies") and Lucifer. The latter name is especially curious as it means "one who bears light."

Evil in the Bible is normally not the creepy, projectile-vomiting, head-spinning entity

depicted in a spate of popular exorcism movies. I don't completely discount occurrences of demonic possession. Esteemed psychologist M. Scott Peck wrote about attending an exorcism that left him shaken in [People of the Lie](#) (Simon & Schuster, 1983)

Demons, "unclean spirits," appear with some frequency in the pages of the New Testament. The first in Mark's Gospel, not in some out-of-the-way shady locale where "bad" people hang out but instead in a religious setting among Sabbath worshipers (Mark 1:21-28). Ponder that. Personified evil first raises its ugly head in Jesus' public ministry among the devout.

Even so, after three decades of experiencing a variety of

pastoral oddities, I confess that blatant demon possession is not among them. Our church secretary, Amy, used to field occasional phone calls from concerned residents of our city wondering if we offered scheduled exorcism services. "I can't recall the last one," she once deftly replied.

Malicious forces, in my experience, are usually a lot more subtle - indeed, they often masquerade as light, undercover, offering things that, at first glance, don't look all that bad.

Lucifer lives.

After all, Jesus wasn't tempted in the wilderness by things that looked patently evil. He was tempted by three things that looked pretty darn good - to be relevant, sensational and powerful. He refuses all three shiny and devilish offerings by quoting Scripture, specifically Deuteronomy. Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky (1821-1881) once made a remarkable claim about this story: "If all the copies of the Bible were destroyed and only this [temptation] narrative was left, it would be enough to save us."

The devil can also quote the Bible (Luke 4:9-11) or maybe hold the big black tome aloft in a city square, feigning truth and confidence in a magical book that rarely gets opened by many who call it "holy".

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The Christians love of truth is rapidly vanishing in America as many hold their noses (or embrace with gusto) and vote for political leaders who chronically lie.

The feisty lay theologian, war resister and Rhode Island attorney William Stringfellow (1928-1985), saw all this coming: "The weirdest corruption of contemporary American Protestantism is its virtual abandonment of the Word of God in the Bible. That is ironic because access to the Bible and devotion to the World of God in the Bible was that out of which authentic Protestantism came into being. It is strange, too, because though the Bible suffers such neglect in Protestantism, the Protestants continue to boast of their esteem for the Bible."

I appreciate Stringfellow's shout-out to our Lutheran spiritual forebear, Martin. While translating the New Testament into the common language of the German people in the 16th century, Luther once famously threw an inkwell at the devil who was trying to divert the poor guy from his holy task. The stain on the wall at Wartburg Castle supposedly still exists.

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"How Great Thou Art"
"Amazing Grace"

Ron Rhoads
guitar

DID YOU KNOW.....

April 11, 1970

Apollo 13 was launched and ran into difficulties about two days later. It was then that the famous line "Houston, we've had a problem here" was said, and is today usually misquoted.

April 12, 1934

Mount Washington Observatory in New Hampshire recorded the highest surface wind ever measured, anywhere on earth - 231 miles per hour!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday Bible Study:
1:00pm & 7:00pm via
Zoom

**No Bible Study
Tuesday
April 13.**

Men of Grace

Join us on **Thursday, April 15**
at **6:45pm** via zoom.

We will be discussing
"Helping and Caring for
Others."

For more information or login
instructions please contact
Rick Keen 717-657-5563 or
Matt Hearn 717-695-6429.

GYG Schedule

April

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| 11 | Gameday @ The
Helman's
4:30–6:30pm |
| 18 | Camp Sunday @
Kentland
1:00 - 2:30pm
GYG Zoom
7:00–8:15pm |
| 24 | Work Day @
Kirchenwald
9:00am–5:00pm
<i>All Congregational
Event</i> |

Grief Group

Meets the **second Thursday**
of the month at 11:00am
and will try to meet in person
as much as possible.
Reading material is provided.

For more information contact
Pastor Cover
717-525-4617 or
pastorcover.gelc@gmail.com

Workday at Camp Kirchenwald

On April 24th Grace's Youth
are headed to Camp
Kirchenwald to help them with
various projects to spruce up
the camp in preparation for
the upcoming camp season!
This is a great way to grow our
relationship with the Lutheran
Camping Corporation. (We will
also be heading there for a
retreat this fall!)

WHEN:
April 24, 2021

WHO:
EVERYONE of all ages; families
encourage to attend.

WHERE:
Camp Kirchenwald
1 Cut Off Road
Lebanon, PA 17042
Lunch will be FREE for
those who help. Please **RSVP**
HERE if you can make it. (It
can be for all day or part of
the day)

Book Club

Please join us on **Tuesday,**
April 20 at 7pm via Zoom.
We will be discussing our
next book "The Vanishing
Half" by Brit Bennett.

For login information contact
pastorcover.gelc@gmail.com

Confirmation Camp 2021

Join us for Confirmation Camp
June 20-26, 2021. While
many details are still unknown
for COVID mitigation, the plan
at this point is to move
forward with the planning!
(Note: There will be a very
generous refund policy due to
COVID so don't hesitate to
sign-up)

Confirmation Camp can be
foundational for the faith of
our young people. Those that
are entering 8th grade or older
(2021-2022 school year) are
eligible.

Grace provides scholarships
for half of the cost for one
week of summer camp for our
youth. If this is someone's
first time at confirmation
camp, we provide a FULL
Scholarship!

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration
form.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more
information.

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for
Sunday, April 11 are given
to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing
Sponsorship for **Sunday,**
April 11 is given to the
Glory of God .

The Sanctuary Lamp
Sponsorship for **April** is
given to the Glory of God.

The Special Benevolence
Offering for **April** is **ELCA**
World Hunger If you wish
to contribute please list the
amount on your offering
envelope next to Special
Offering Ministry and list
ELCA World Hunger under
comments.

Sponsorships

Please consider helping to
offset the costs to Grace by
sponsoring one of the
following:

- Altar Flowers
- Bulletin/Mailing
- Sanctuary Lamp

To find out what dates are
available you can go to
[https://
www.gracecamphill.org/
sponsorships](https://www.gracecamphill.org/sponsorships) or call Diane
717-737-0439x15 .

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12 noon on Tuesdays.** Email to deppengelc@gmail.com

Join us for Worship!

Sundays at 9:30 AM
[via Live Stream](#)

Sunday School

Sundays September to May
[CLICK HERE](#) to view School at
Home videos.



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