

Good News from Grace



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 (CHRIST THE KING)

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"— **Matthew 25:40**

When our thankfulness translates into action and service to "the least of these," we may never fully realize the ripple effects. How might you show gratitude to God in tangible ways that lift up your neighbor in need?

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP!

This year we will have only two worship services, so the air in the sanctuary can recirculate according to recommended guidelines. While we are planning for some in-person attendance, we know that may change as December 24 nears. (Around the first of December we will post a sign-up to attend Christmas Eve services in-person with the current limit). We will live stream both services as well. We hope you can worship with us this Christmas near or far!

4:00pm Swingin' Christmas

A traditional structure with a Jazz ensemble playing beloved carols. This service will have a sermon and a special children's message. (We will

not be able to have our annual Christmas play)

7:00pm Special Music

Our traditional half-hour of special music will be pre-recorded for safety this year. We will air it over the livestream at 7p.m. You can view this time of Christmas music performances live, or watch it on Christmas Day by visiting the livestream link and scrolling down to archived services.

9:30pm Classic Christmas

This service is marked by lots of special music, but will also have a sermon.

NOTE: Both services will celebrate Holy Communion and have candlelight and a performance of Silent Night.

TIDINGS OF COMFORT & JOY: AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES

This year Christmas will be different and singing our favorite carols in worship will be limited. With that in mind, we have built a sermon series for Advent around beloved carols—their history, themes, and scripture references—and we will sing a few verses each Sunday of that particular carol at the end of Sunday worship.

Join us as we mark this Advent time with tidings of comfort and joy each week!

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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.

**Join us for
in-person
worship**

Click Here for
more information
regarding our
services. Register
online or by calling
717-737-0439

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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ANNUAL ADVENT EVENT

Grace's annual Advent Event will be a pick-up event this year! Come and make a bag of wonderful advent crafts and ornaments in a safe environment. Pick-up is Thanksgiving weekend, either 10am—12noon on Saturday (11/28) or an hour after church on Sunday (11/29).

If you would prefer to stay in your car, we can make a bag for you and bring it out. This is a great time to bring clothing & shoe donations to our "Grace Your Closet" Ministry as well! Thank you to Melinda Bechtel for organizing!

GYG FALL SCHEDULE

November

29 Thanksgiving Themed Zoom **7:00 - 8:15 pm**

December

6 Afternoon at Kentland **Time TBD**

13 GYG Night via Zoom **Time TBD**

20 GYG Night at Hyatt's **time TBD**

Any Questions? Contact Jesse Woodrow at gracehyg@gmail.com

YOUTH FOOD CARDS

Contact Wendy in the church office at 717-737-0439 x 13 or wjosmith.gelc@gmail.com to schedule a time to stop at the church office service window to pick up a card from Karns, Weis or Giant in amounts of \$25, \$50 or \$100. This way she will have the card ready when you stop by during normal office hours which are Monday - Thursday from 8am -12 noon.

Checks should be made out to GELC with Youth Food Card on memo line. (If for The Giving Tree please add that to the memo line or attach a note with payment)



SATURDAY WITH SANTA: AN OUTSIDE GREETING

This year, Santa is visiting the Grace Parking Lot on **Saturday, December 12 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm!**

At this walk-through event, you can safely greet Santa with an opportunity to take a photo with him, pick up a craft kit to complete at home, and get a cup of hot cocoa and a cookie for the road. Parking will be in the 2nd Grace lot or on the street. The rain date is Sunday, December 13, 12:00-2:00pm. Masks and 6 feet social distancing between families will be required.

If you would prefer to pick up crafts and cookies without getting out of your vehicle, you can do so on **Sunday, December 13, 10:30-11:30** in the church parking lot (Santa will not be in attendance).

We are encouraging everyone to sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fob4ba8ac22a4fdo-saturday> so we are prepared with enough crafts and refreshments.

Thank you,

Hope Pankake, on behalf of the Grace Lutheran Fellowship & Arts Committee
717-448-0739
hopeswenson@gmail.com

***If the government creates a mandate preventing us from holding this event as planned, we will have a drive thru to greet Santa and pick up your craft and snacks without getting out of your vehicle. ***

WREATHS, POINSETTIAS AND ELCA GOOD GIFTS

There are **8** wreaths and **25** poinsettias at **\$ 11.00** each available for sponsorship. As well as four choices for ELCA Good Gifts:

- ◇ For \$ 15.00 you can purchase a Rooster.
- ◇ For \$ 30.00 you can purchase a pig or piglet
- ◇ For \$ 60.00 you can purchase a goat and flock of chickens.
- ◇ For any \$\$ amount you can support God's Global Barnyard. These gifts will be used where it is needed most.

Contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or deppengelc@gmail.com to reserve a wreath or poinsettia or ELCA Good

Gift. When paying please include a note listing what you are sponsoring and what dedication you'd like to have listed in the newsletter. Checks should be made payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

New this year you can pay for sponsorships online by [Clicking Here](#). If sponsoring an ELCA Good Gift online please be sure to note which animal as well as your dedication.

ALL sponsorships must be received by **Friday, December 18** in order to be listed in the newsletter.



THE VIRTUAL GIVING TREE

This year, like everything else, our Giving Tree will look a bit different. We are going to do a Virtual Tree of gift cards and monetary donations. The gift cards and money collected, which will be used to purchase additional gift cards, will be shared with local families in need. Checks should be made payable to "Grace Lutheran Church" with a note that states it is for The Giving Tree. All gift cards and money must be delivered to the church office no later than **Sunday, December 6.**

CLICK HERE to sign up for gift cards from places like Target, Amazon, Aldi, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Kohls, CVS, Giant etc. Remember, if you choose to donate a food gift card from Giant, Weis or Karns, a purchase from the Church benefits our Youth Group.



12/1 John Hartman
W. Scott Swartzell

12/2 Nancy Easton
Samuel Musselman
Isabell Progin
Sandra Yetter

12/3 Marjorie Lebo
Thomas Savastio

12/4 Patricia Adams

12/5 Heidi Hartman
Rebecca Weigle

12/6 Mary Louise Shetter
Robert Weigle

12/8 David Harman, III
Cecelia Perella-Carvalhaes

12/9 Betty Erickson
Scott Hyser
Karen Kangas
Diane Sakson

12/10 Nancy Hoff
Sally Reed

12/11 Eugene Shewell

12/12 Maria Castillo
Mary Lear
Courtney Shiley

12/13 David Harman, VI
Linda Martier
Spencer Rickert
Shayne Wharton

12/14 Ronald Ryerson

12/15 Kelly Smith

12/16 Alexis Jean Weber

12/17 Dorothy Rankin

12/18 Jonathan Zimmerman

12/19 Kristin Campbell
Ileanna Cato
Steven Vogelsong
Kelly Walker

12/20 Hailey Weber

12/21 Jennifer Goetz

12/22 Bonnie Glatfelter

12/23 Ariella Behney
Karen Scharein

12/24 Hannah Blackburn
Patricia Hughes

12/26 Craig Douty
James Meador

12/27 George Gunnett

12/28 Brian Gross
Ashley Kirsch

12/29 Kathryn Freeman
Mary Jane Syle

12/30 Lynda Blair

12/31 Henry Buchanan
Craig Helmuth
Joanne Weaver

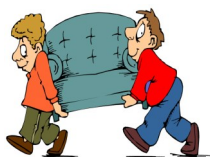
1604 CARLISLE ROAD UPDATE

Members of Grace,

As you know, for the past year we used 1604 Carlisle Road to fulfil our story by housing a family participating in the Family Promise program. In order to offer this to the family, Family Promise entered into a lease with Grace and agreed to be responsible for the rent and repair of any damage to the house upon termination of the lease. Family Promise has determined that long term housing is not a viable option for them at this time, and the lease has been terminated. During the term of the lease, Family Promise continued to pay the rent to Grace even when the tenant was unable to do so. In addition, Family Promise and its volunteers are working with Grace to clean the house and make any repairs necessary. Although the outcome of this mission was not what we necessarily wanted it to be, we were able to provide a safe environment for the family during a difficult time, and we strengthened our partnership with Family Promise to continue that ministry in other ways. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

We do need a few strong backs to remove some furniture from the home, and a few Grace volunteers that would be willing to work alongside Family Promise volunteers to clean or paint. We are meeting at the house **this Thursday from 4-6pm** to prepare the house for painting. In order to keep social distancing please let me know if you are able to help and please wear a mask if you come to help.

Terry Snyder
717-645-5646



GOSPEL MESSAGE: ACTION AND REFLECTION

The story of the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25 begins with the Son of Man on a throne. It is an image of a king sitting in judgment. In any era of human history, this image of an all-powerful ruler sitting in judgement would be consistent with our images of power and authority. What follows runs against all of our expectations. The king connects his presence to the people who are poor and oppressed. This does not fit our human practices of power. Even a benevolent leader is not seen in the presence of the least among us.

Though Jesus makes this connection, it is easy to read this story and get hooked into the power dynamics of judgment. We may wonder if we are a sheep or a goat and think about this status in an eternal sense as it relates to our relationship with God. This heavy reflection may lead us to think we might somehow have to earn our way into God's grace.

The theology of the cross finds Jesus exercising his kingship through the weakness of the cross. From the resurrection that follows this death, we receive the gift of life. This gift comes with the freedom to leave aside worries about eternity in favor of attending to faithful living today. If Jesus frees us from concern about our relationship with God, the story of the sheep and the goats becomes more of a checklist for grace-filled living than a scorecard for eternity. It becomes an invitation and a guide rather than an indictment.

Included in this invitation is an opportunity for reflection. Neither the sheep nor the goats realize how their actions have or have not been faithful. In this way the story gives us a simple gift by which to measure our path in faith and reflect on the ways we spend our days.

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

Tom Boyer, Margaret Knupp,
Kathryn Tuckey, Morgan &
Michael Hoffman, Hannalyn Kiser,
Lois Kohnlein, Patti Reed, Gerry &
Sara Jane Crawford, Hope Stempo,
Barry Fenicle, Ben & Marilyn
Clark, Sally Snyder, Gerald &
Darlene M, Ann Sheaffer, Sue
Gasswint, John Aldridge, Mr.
Hunt, Rick Saar, Carm Mitchell,
Amber Shearer, Steven Noll, Janet
Montan, Jennifer Heverling, Garry
Murray, James Silcox, Tim Butler,
Vernon Frazier, Dean Jury, Tricia
Snaveley, Brad Bert and friends &
family of Veronika C.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie
Buchanan, Dave Buchanan, Joyce
Allan, Sis Hoffman, Mary Lee
Ryder, Jack Alfano, Dorothy
Edquist, Michael Smith, Barbara
D, 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:*

Louis Lore, John Hensch, 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.

*Please contact us at 717-737-0439
or gelc@comcast.net each month
and let us know if you wish to
have someone remain on the
prayer list (Urgent, Ongoing,
Military and Medical)*

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

Katie Perella-Carvalhoes, 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 Eppey, 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

"While the holidays
may bring pain,
they can also
bring healing.

*The day will come when
you can enjoy the holidays again!"*

David and Nancy Guthrie

Surviving the Holidays

Fishing Creek Salem UMC

Sat., Nov. 21, 10-11:30 a.m.

Sign up at office@fcsalem.org, 717-938-1928

GRIEF SHARE

CAREGIVER & GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Will not meet in December 2020.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 11 at 11:00a.m.** At this time
the meeting is planned to be in-person.

Contact Pastor Cover for more information.



Thanks to the volunteers who pick up the Panera
"Day end dough nations" every Tuesday:

Tracey & Craig Douty, Marta & Randy Hamme,
Bob Hillegas, Margie & Dave Lebo, John Ozimok,
Sue & Jeff Painter, Hope & Adam Pankake, the
Ryder family and BJ & Russ Weber.

We could not do it without you!

Thanks, also, to the Panera Bread located at the Camp Hill Mall for allowing us to
have their extras. If you get a chance please help support them.

Tracy Evans



HISTORY CORNER

By Don Barlup

In this continuing saga to test my memory, or the lack there-of, let's look at the Youth Ministry Program at Grace. The early youth program that I remember was for those of us who managed to make it to high school.

All of these remembrances took place long before computers, cellphones, and social media. We did things back then that would

never be allowed in today's environment.

When Pastor Fred Shilling was our youth leader, I remember a winter weekend retreat. During the retreat it started to snow heavily. The seniors drove their cars to the retreat and the freshmen and sophomores rode with them, I was riding in a 1952 black Chrysler Sedan driven by Wally Rimmer. Yes, we arrived back safely, but it was a scary long ride back to civilization slipping and sliding all the way.

One of the more youth oriented activities took place in the Social Hall on, I believe, Saturday nights. It was called "Canteen" and was a dance open to all neighborhood youth. It outgrew the Church and moved to Cedar Cliff High School before being discontinued, due to some unsavory influences.

I recall retreats to the Jersey Shore with Pastor Neal. Church members by the name of Harro owned an older hotel right off the boardwalk, in I believe Wildwood or Ocean City. The rooms were not much larger than a full size bathroom (which was shared with other guests). The TV was in the lobby and we all had our meals in a large dining room. Days at the beach and nights on the boardwalk. I am sure it was great fun for us, but doubtful that Pastor Neal shared our enthusiasm, as he had to keep his flock in line.

My late wife, Carol and I worked with the Youth Ministry program with many Pastors and fellow Youth Advisors for over 20 great years. Some of those memories follow.

- ♦ Every Fall we would take a hayride, sometimes in a wagon pulled by a tractor and other times in the back of a stake truck driven by yours truly. Plenty of hay, marshmallows, and cider were worn and consumed.
- ♦ Christmas caroling at Grace was a yearly tradition. Sometimes we walked through the Highland Park neighborhood. Other times we drove in cars to shut-ins. It seemed to me that we spent more time rounding up lost cars (before the days of GPS or smartphones) than we did singing. I remember Bill Rohrbeck singing Silent Night to us in German like it was yesterday.
- ♦ Some of you reading this may remember the "Blue Whale" aka my 1964 Pontiac 8-door, 15-passenger Stageway Limo. It was previously built for the Hershey Boys School, before they switched to vans. Many youth trips were taken in this conveyance over the years. One teenager (who shall remain nameless) even noticed the road below her feet.
- ♦ Hide and seek in the Church was always a favorite past time, especially among the junior highers. Did you know you could hide in back of the memorial book cabinet in the Narthex? Yes, it has a door in back! If you ever opened the door near the balcony you will see a steel ladder. As in "Star Trek" where no man has gone before. Don't believe it!
- ♦ Before Kentland we took many retreats to Camp Nawakwa near Arendtsville. I am sure many of you remember the streaking craze. Let's just say many years ago it was a very quiet and long ride back to the Church.

Growing up in Grace was very memorable to me and I hope to some of you reading this also. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays.



Men of Grace

MEN'S GROUP AT GRACE

To the men of Grace -

On February 24, 2021, at 6:30pm there will be an organizational meeting for a men's group at church called Men of Grace. The group would meet once a month, either on zoom or in person, if restraints on public meetings are eased, to discuss pertinent questions facing men and our nation.

Issues could include racial justice, discrimination against women, challenges the LGBT community faces, and the environment.

It is the intent of the organizers to create an environment respectful of an individual's views but allowing him to better understand those who disagree.

For any questions contact Matt Hearn (717-695-6429) or Rick Keen (717-657-5563).

Special Music this Week

"You Are My King"

Billy James Foote

Kelly Smith and Dave Lebo

"Rhosymedre"

Composed by Vaughan Williams

Arranged by Chuck Seipp for trumpet and piano

Kristopher & Emily Hartman

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, November 22** are given by Jeff & Star Peiffer in honor of daughter-in-law Kellyann's birthday.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, November 22** is given to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **November** is given by Janet Gordon in loving memory of husband Duane Gordon.

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

HILLS & VALLEYS WOMEN'S GROUP

We'll meet **via Zoom** on **Monday, November 23 at 7:00pm.**

We will revisit last year's theme of Unplugging the Christmas Machine and Simplifying Christmas. For those who attended last year, we'll get an update on your progress; and for others we'll introduce the idea of simplifying the holidays and having the holiday you want, rather than the holiday you feel you "should" have. As always we'll share our highs and lows.

Contact Susan Ryder 717-574-1960 or ryder.susan@comcast.net for login information.

WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

- Saturday Night at 6:00pm in Chapel (**Sign-up Required**)
- Sunday Morning at 9:30am in Sanctuary (No Sign-up Required). **Live Stream Worship** available for this service.
- Sunday Morning Drive up Communion 10:30 - 11:00am in Parking Lot (No Sign-up Required)
- Thursday at 12noon (No Sign-up Required). This is a brief Order of Holy Communion in the Parking Lot by the awning.



SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

There are Altar Flower sponsorships available for Dec. 6 and Bulletin/Mailing sponsorships available for Nov. 29 and Dec. 13, 20, & 27.

To see what dates are available for Lamp Sponsorship, Altar Flower Sponsorship and Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for 2021 go to <https://www.gracecamphill.org/sponsorships> or contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or deppengelc@gmail.com.

To reserve a date contact Diane.

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

Join us for Worship!

Sundays at 9:30 AM

In-person or
via Live Stream

Sunday School

Sundays September to May
CLICK HERE for Sunday School
at Home videos.



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