

# Good News from Grace

NOVEMBER 2021



## *Our Purpose*

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

**Nov. 21, 2021 (Christ the King Sunday)**

**Revelation 1:4b**– Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come.

*As did other New Testament writers, the author of Revelation blesses his readers with “grace” and “peace” of Christ. Truly, if we have Christ’s grace and peace in our hearts, we will find true contentment.*

## Online Directory Password

*Due to the recent issue with SPAM emails to those listed in the directory, the online directory password has been changed. If you would like the new password, contact the church office.*

## SAINTS SERMON SERIES: CALLED TO BE SAINTS

What does it mean to be a saint? Do you have to be dead, or a “giant in the faith” from the past to be considered a saint in the church? Could saints be among us even now? Come to worship and consider what it means to be a saint in God’s house.

## REOPENING TASKFORCE UPDATE: CHANGES TO WORSHIP

The Reopening Taskforce met November 9 and reviewed where our protocols for safety in worship should hold steady, and where they could continue to proceed forward into our “new normal.” We use the barometer of our community, CDC guidelines, and similar organizations/faith communities to help us make decisions.

Below is a list of the updates:

- ♦ Begin passing the offering plate in worship, starting with the Advent Season. Provide extra hand sanitizer in the pews for those who would like to clean hands after touching the plate. Encourage ushers to retrieve/reach for the plate if an individual clearly does not want to have contact with it.
- ♦ Begin a “second” option for receiving communion, starting the first week in December. Invite those who wish to come forward down the center aisle. Provide the host of the meal as a bread or gluten-free wafer, and the wine of the meal by pouring it into individual cups. Proceed in a continuous line. Encourage social distancing while in line. (Individual packaged communion would remain as an option for those who do not wish to come forward/do not wish to take the other elements).
- ♦ Continue to require groups who must sit in close proximity in worship, such as choir and bells, to wear masks during worship
- ♦ Remove ropes from pews, beginning November 14. Encourage worshippers to practice social distancing in written and verbal formats.
- ♦ Provide a space to view worship in the library (using a TV), for those who are looking for extra

space/distance, as soon as possible.

- ♦ Return pew cushions to the pews, after vacuuming them thoroughly, as soon as possible.

Please let Staff know if you have any questions!

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

Children K-5th Grade are welcome to join us Sunday mornings to prepare a song or two for Christmas Eve! The Children Choir will sing at the 4pm service. Masks are required.

Practice will be Sundays at 8:45am in the chapel beginning November 28. Join us as we make music together!



Please contact  
Pastor Cover  
(717-525-4617)  
or  
Pastor Evan  
(717-497-3742)  
or  
Vicar Susan  
(717-497-1013)  
directly if you need  
pastoral assistance.

## At Home Communion

If you wish for someone to come to your home and provide communion please contact

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## Strategic Planning Survey Deadline Extended

Grace's Council has extended the Strategic Planning Survey Deadline until **11/21/2021**. This can be done **online** or you can find paper copies by the blue baskets in the narthex.

## 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 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.

## ANNUAL ADVENT EVENT

Save the Date for our Annual Advent Event – an all ages craft-making time to begin the season of Advent. This year's event will be held on the First Sunday of Advent, **November 28**, following worship. Join us in the social hall as we make an Advent Calendar the whole family can enjoy!



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Celebrate the season on Christmas Eve with us this year! Every service has something special to offer as we herald Christ's birth. All our services will offer Holy Communion and the singing of Silent Night with candle-lighting. The 4pm service will not offer a sermon – instead we have a different way of retelling the Christmas story. All services will be available via Live Stream.

**4pm Kids Pageant**  
**7pm Jazz/Swing Christmas**  
**9pm Choir & Bells Traditional Service\***

*\*This year our "Special Music" before the late service is our advertised start time. In years past, visitors have missed the note about prior special music. By advertising the time at 9pm, everyone gets to enjoy the extended prelude and worship service!*

## WREATH, POINSETTIA & ELCA GOOD GIFT SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Sponsorship of Poinsettias and ELCA Good gifts will start on **November 15**.

There are (25) red poinsettias available at \$12.00 each and the (2) Altar poinsettias for Christmas Eve service are \$35.00 each.

Sponsorship of wreaths will start on **November 29** as we are still waiting on pricing for them.

We have again highlighted four choices for the ELCA Good Gifts:

- ♦ Chicks at \$ 10.00. Chicks will help a family spread their wings. When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals – they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.
- ♦ Piglet at \$ 30.00. This little piggy couldn't be a bigger lifesaver. This gift

is a source of natural fertilizer that helps crops grow tall and strong, and can also be sold at the market for extra income when it's needed.

- ♦ Goat at \$ 50.00. Goats can go where other animals can't, surviving in some of the world's most challenging terrain. Goat's milk provides nutrition for children and their families, and goats are quick to reproduce – which means a family can pass this live-saving gift onto others.
- ♦ God's Global Barnyard allows you to give any amount you wish. A gift to God's Global Barnyard will be used where it is needed most to support livestock, agriculture and other sustainable development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to

thrive.

All sponsorships can either be paid by mailing in or dropping off payment or by paying online by selecting ELCA Good Gifts from the online giving portal or mobile app. Please make sure to include with any sponsorship contribution which option you wish to support as well as the dedication you would like to have included in the Christmas Eve newsletter.

All sponsorships must be received by **Friday, December 17** to be included.



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

Glenda Rumberger, Don Lenker, Donna Ritter, Pastor Evan, Patti Reed, John Aldridge, Youbo Woodrow, David & Kay Lee, Todd Galle, James Neidinger, Sue Gasswint, Diane Brokenshire, Dr. Michael Schreck, Sudy Stoll, Micah Mains, Keith Downs, Louella Young, Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Ben & Marilyn Clark, Garry Murray, James Silcox, Vernon Frazier, AND Dean Jury.

## We hold in ongoing prayer...

Pastor Molly Haggerty, Arianna Moyer, Kyle Blose, Gerald & Darlene M, Frank Blizzard, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Dave Buchanan, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, Mary Lee Ryder, Jack Alfano, David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Paulette Lauver, Lesly Richards, Elijah Conroy, Susan Blumberg, Lisa Leen, Eileen McCann, Mary Heverling, Mike Lutz, Destiny Glenn, and Reinhard C.

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

Yvonne Gettys, Delores Miller, Jim Stoll, Louis Lore, John Hench, Shirley Hughes, John Shuey, Betty Bennett, and Dick Cromer.

## In our military:

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

**If you have family members or friends on the prayer list please notify the church office (717-737-0439 or [gelc@comcast.net](mailto:gelc@comcast.net)) each month with updates. Your input helps us maintain the prayer list since we are not aware of the changes in the health status of those on the list.**

## Christmas Blessing Express

New Hope Ministries is once again holding their "Christmas Blessing Express". With your support, they can make this Season filled with Hope and Love. There are three ways you can give:

1. [CLICK HERE](#) or contact the church office for a copy of the Christmas Wish List. These are often requested items that can be dropped off "unwrapped" at any New Hope Location.
2. New Hope wants to bless their families with baskets of food. They are looking for: ham, turkey, vegetables, gravy, potatoes, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, pie filling, pie crust, boxed stuffing, cereal and mac n cheese.
3. Another way to give is by volunteering. If you would like to volunteer for any of the holiday programs [CLICK HERE](#) to see a sign up for volunteering.

### Donation Acceptance

#### Deadline and Center Hours

The Enola Center is accepting donations through November 30

The Mechanicsburg Center is accepting donations through December 6

The West Shore location is accepting donations through December 10.

All center hours are  
8am - 4pm.



12/1 John Hartman  
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 Hartman, III  
Cici Perella-Carvalhaes  
Arthur Pursel, Jr.

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 Hartman, VI  
Linda Martier  
Spencer Rickert  
Shayne Wharton

12/14 Ronald Ryerson

12/15 Kelly Smith

12/16 Caroline Jaxheimer  
Alexis Jean Weber

12/17 Dorothy Rankin

12/18 Jonathan Zimmerman

12/19 Kristin Campbell

Ileana 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 Patricia Hughes

12/26 Craig Douty  
James Meador

12/27 Sasha Brosius  
George Gunnett

12/28 Brian Gross  
Ashley Kirsch

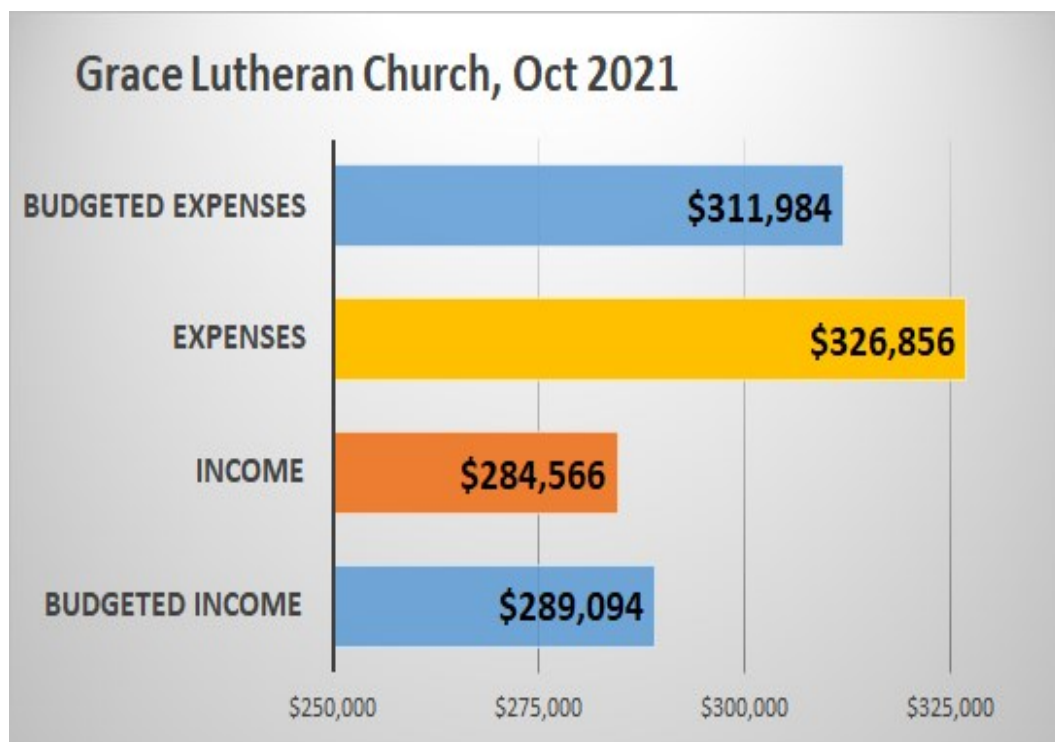
12/29 Kathryn Freeman

12/30 Lynda Blair

12/31 Henry Buchanan  
Craig Helmuth  
Joanne Weaver

## TREASURER'S REPORT - SUSAN DICKENSON

As the congregation council embarks on the annual budgeting process, we will be looking at our planned expenses and expected income next year. It appears we may break even around the end of 2021 with the help of our \$ 41,250 PPP loan, which has already been forgiven. It will be a challenge to look ahead to 2022, so please pray for the council as we discuss our anticipated needs for next year.







## MECHANICSBURG CHOIRS SINGING AT GRACE - DECEMBER 5

On **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, the Mechanicsburg High School Wildcat Singers and the Mechanicsburg Middle School Select Ensemble will be performing a candlelight concert at **7:00pm** in the main sanctuary here at Grace.

This concert is open to the public and is free of charge. Come out to enjoy a quiet evening of beautiful music to put you in the holiday spirit. This will be the first concert that these students have had in almost 2 years! They are eager to share their musical talents with the community! These ensembles are under the direction of Gordon Kasluskus and Emily Hartman.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## NOVEMBER 14 SERMON: ST. HILDEGARD

Several people wondered about the first reading from Sirach on November 14th when we celebrated St. Hildegard. Sirach is one of the books from the Apocrypha. Apocrypha is a Greek word that means "hidden or secret readings". There is some controversy whether these books were intended only for those who had been initiated into the Christian faith because they were too esoteric. Others believe that they were not divinely inspired. The Apocrypha were printed in Martin Luther's 1534 Bible between the Old and New Testaments with the following comment: "These

### Did You Know....

- The full moon in November is called the Beaver Moon. This was the time to set beaver traps before the swamps froze, to ensure a supply of warm winter furs or it may come from the fact that the beavers are now actively preparing for winter. This November the full moon occurs on **November 19**. A partial lunar eclipse will accompany this month's Full Moon. It will peak at 4:02am on November 19. According to NASA, this will be the longest eclipse of the century, with a duration of three hours and 28 minutes.
- In Australia, England and the U.S. every year in November a rather hairy spectacle occurs. It's called Movember, and the idea is to raise money for charity by growing a mustache. Participants must shave on the first morning of November and grow their mustache throughout the month, with the ensuing amusement as an incentive for others to donate to a good cause.

books are not held equal to the Sacred Scriptures, and yet are useful and good for reading." These books are helpful for understanding Judaism during Jesus' time.

The Council of Trent which met between the years 1545 and 1563 was the Roman Catholic Church's response to Martin Luther and the Reformers. One decree that resulted was which books would be included in the Biblical Canon. The Roman Catholic and later the Orthodox Churches included the Apocryphal texts while Protestant Christians do not include the Apocrypha as part of the Biblical canon.

## 2022 WINTER RETREAT AT CAMP KIRCHENWALD

There is a unique event held annually at Camp Kirchenwald for all youth in grades 3 - 8. This event is a mixture of many youth groups from our area and provides some unique experiences, especially if the weather cooperates. Some of those experiences are: hockey on the pond, sledding, snow soccer as well as many other sorts of fun!



The Lutheran Camping Cooperation (LCC) uses their staff for this event so GYG will not have an adult representative at the event. We have had youth go to this event in the past and it has been very well received!

CLICK HERE to learn more and register.

Grace will cover 1/2 the cost of the event. Pay in full to LCC and then put a copy of the registration in Jesse's mailbox for reimbursement



### GYG Schedule

#### November

19 - 21 Retreat @ Camp Kirchenwald  
**CANCELLED**

28 Advent Event

#### December

5 5:00 - 7:30pm  
Coffee House Planning  
11 Breakfast with Santa  
12 GYG Night  
19 4:00 - 7:30pm  
Cookie Bake & Caroling

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full 2021 - 2022 GYG Schedule.

### JYG Schedule

#### November

21 10:30 - 11:00am  
Large Group Sunday School  
28 Advent Event

#### December

5 10:30am - 12:00pm  
JYG  
11 Breakfast with Santa  
19 10:30 - 11:00am  
Large Group Sunday School

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the September 2021 - January 2022 complete schedule.

### Youth Food Cards

Support the Youth Ministry at Grace by purchasing gift cards from Kams, Weis or Giant in the dollar amounts of \$25, \$50 or \$100.

These cards are available at the office service window Monday - Thursday from 8am to 12noon. Contact Chris at 717-737-0439.

Checks should be made payable to GELC with Youth Food Card on the memo line.

The Revised Common Lectionary is a 3 year cycle of Scripture readings used by multiple faith traditions including the Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and United Methodist churches. The Scripture readings were taken from the Episcopal Church calendar which celebrates Hildegard's feast day on September 17th.

The reading from Sirach which emphasized the light from the sun, moon and stars corresponds with John 3:19-21 in which Jesus came to bring light to the world.

Vicar Susan

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tuesday Bible Study: 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Join us this Tuesday in-person at 1pm (*Participants are required to be masked, especially those not vaccinated.*) or via Zoom at 7pm. Contact Vicar Susan at 717-497-1013 or vicar.susan.scott@gmail.com for login information.

November 23  
No Bible Study

November 30  
No Bible Study

In December Tuesday Bible Study will meet on December 7 & 14 to study the Book of Esther. It will then go on hiatus until January 4, 2022.

### Men of Grace

**Starting on November 18** the Men of Grace will meet the **third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm via zoom**. This week's discussion is on Climate Change

For more information or login instructions please contact Matt Hearn 717-350-1048 or Rick Keen 717-657-5563.

### Sabbath Wine & Cheese

On the **4th Saturday of the month at 5:15pm**.

Sponsorship sign-ups are by the elevator. If no one has signed up for sponsorship one week prior the Wine & Cheese will be cancelled.

### Grief Support 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 pastorcover.gelc@gmail.com

### Music This Week

*"By Faith"*

Getty & Townsend  
Chancel Choir

*"Hallelujah"*

Leonard Cohen &  
Joel Raney  
Bell Choir

*"Hark! I Hear the Harps  
Eternal"*

Cathy Moklebust  
Bell Choir



Dear Grace Lutheran,  
Thank you so much for your generous monetary and product donation to the Cedar Cliff Necessity Closet. We truly appreciate your kind thoughts as we work together to support our kids.

Thank you so much,  
Kelly Guistwhite  
Librarian

### This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, November 21** are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, November 21** is given to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **November** is given by Garri Ann & Matt Hearn in honor of Jacob's birthday.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **November is World Hunger**. To contribute please list the amount on your offering envelope next to Special Offering Ministry and list *World Hunger* under comments.

### Altar Flower, Bulletin & Mailing, and Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship Opportunities

The 2022 Sponsorship dates are now available. You can sign up on the bulletin board near the elevator or [CLICK HERE](#) to see available dates. Contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or deppengelc@gmail.com to reserve a date before sending in payment if unable to sign-up at the church.

**Kentland Workday**  
**Saturday, November 20**  
**10:00am - 1:00pm**

**Please consider joining us as many hands make light work. Workday tasks will focus on leaf collection and removal of brush. Please bring rakes, blowers and other tools as you are able. Hot dogs and snacks will be provided for lunch!**

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

### Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 6:00PM  
Sundays at 9:30AM  
or  
[via Live Stream](#)

### Sunday School

Sundays September to May



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