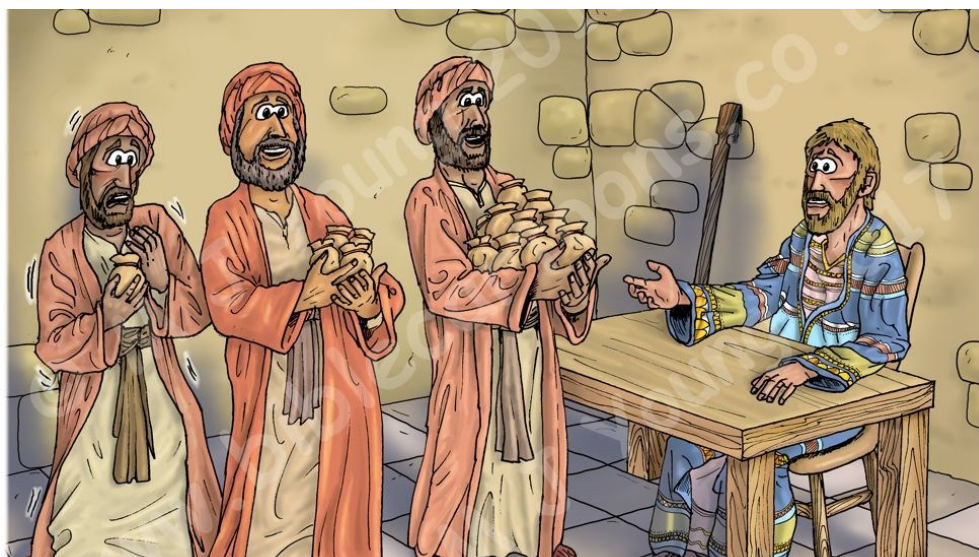


Good News from Grace



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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.

NOVEMBER 15, 2020 (24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." – **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

"Do or do not. There is no try," said *Star Wars* character Yoda. Notice there is no "try" in Paul's instructions either. We can act on our thankfulness to God by encouraging others and building one another up in Christ's name. Who needs your encouragement this week? How will you act on that need?

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!

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)

9:30pm Classic Christmas

This service will have a half hour of special music beginning at 9:00pm. (We will pre-record some of the music to make sure enjoying it is as safe as possible!) 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.

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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WREATHS, POINSETTIAS AND ELCA GOOD GIFTS

There are 10 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.

Once you decide you would like to sponsor a wreath, poinsettia or ELCA Good Gift you can contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or deppengelc@gmail.com to reserve a wreath or poinsettia or ELCA Good Gift and then send in payment with 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.



GOSPEL MESSAGE: A SIGNIFICANT TRUST NOVEMBER 15, 2020

On one level we can read the parable of the talents and see a simple lesson: A property owner entrusts property to his workers and goes away. The workers respond in different ways to this trust, and he responds to them in different ways upon his return. The third is paralyzed by fear. We ought not fear putting the gifts God has given us to work for good in our world.

There is another depth to this story found in the property entrusted to the workers: One is given five talents, the second two talents, and the third only one talent. We are told this is according to their ability. How much was a talent? In our culture, where we have coins and bills for our currency, this last worker seems to be entrusted with pocket change. A talent, however, was not a denomination of currency in the way we might understand. A talent was more than fifteen years' wages for a laborer. Fifteen years!

For illustration purposes, let us assume a laborer today makes \$10 an hour. If a person works forty hours per week with two weeks of vacation, a year's wages would be \$20,000. Fifteen years of wages would be \$300,000. This would be one talent. Two talents would be \$600,000; five would be \$1,500,000.

Why all this math? What we see in the value of the talents are significant amounts of property entrusted to the workers—even the one with the least ability. What is beautiful in this story is the trust the property owner has in his workers. His disappointment with the third shows the trust to be sincere. What if this one had trusted himself as much as the property owner did?

Psalm 139 tells us we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." Perhaps this parable is an invitation for us to believe in ourselves as much as God believes in us, and thus experience the joy our loving Creator already has for us.

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SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Available dates for sponsorships are on our website at <https://www.gracecampfill.org/sponsorships> or contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or deppengelc@gmail.com. To reserve a date contact Diane. *Lamp Sponsorship, Altar Flower Sponsorship and Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship dates for 2021 are now available to view on the website or by contacting Diane.*



Bless a family in need this Christmas!

THE GIVING TREE

Dear Members of Grace,

You have been faithful supporters of our Giving Tree for many years and we thank you for that. 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.

Thank you,

Laurie Zimmerman



We hold in prayer especially this week...

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, Veronika C., John Aldridge, Mr. Hunt, Rick Saar, Vicki Whitcomb, Carm Mitchell, Amber Shearer, Steven Noll, Janet Montan, Jennifer Heverling, Garry Murray, James Silcox, Tim Butler, Vernon Frazier, Dean Jury, Tricia Snavelly, and Brad Bert.

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.

HELP US KEEP OUR PRAYER LISTS UP TO DATE!

Many of those on our prayer lists are not well-known to the staff, but are well-known to you! It would help us greatly, if you would contact the office (717-737-0439 or gclc@comcast.net) each month and let us know if you wish to have someone remain on the prayer lists (urgent, ongoing, military) as well as the medical worker list.

Thank you!

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



The Madden family would like to thank Grace members for all its support towards the JDRF walk this year! Team Emma is Awesome raised over \$3500 towards curing Type 1 Diabetes! We will continue to fight for a cure as well as

affordable insulin and medical supplies needed for those with diabetes.

Vicci, Eric, Julia, Emma and Sadie!



Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

New Hope Ministries West Shore Center in Lemoyne has a significant need for additional volunteers, both for the front desk and for the food pantry desk.

Shifts are either 8:30am - 12noon or 12noon - 4:00pm. All precautions are taken regarding social distancing and mask wearing. All guests, also, comply with the mask requirement.

If you are available and would consider serving in this way, please check out their website at <https://nhm-pa.org>. You can even complete a volunteer application online and they will contact you.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR NIGHT SECURITY & SOUND TEAM

Grace is looking for volunteers for our Night Security team and Sound team. The volunteers would be added to the schedule starting in January 2021. People interested in joining the Sound team would be scheduled at the 9:30am Sunday morning service as well as special services throughout the year such as Christmas Eve. The Night Security team covers one week of checking the church Sunday—Saturday and can be a good option for someone who wants to serve, but is not comfortable attending Sunday services.

If interested or would like more information please contact Diane at deppengelc@gmail.com or 717-737-0439x15.



GRACE YOUR CLOSET CLOTHING DRIVE

We are collecting the MOST NEEDED ITEMS right now:

- ☐ Winter clothing for ALL ages
- ☐ Shoes for ALL ages
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ NEW toys or NEW items to be used as potential Christmas gifts
- ☐ Adult/Child men's clothing and shoes are especially needed

If you wish to donate items to Grace your Closet (which is a part of the Market Square Friends/The Giving Pantry) they can be dropped off at the church on Wednesdays from 1-5pm. If that does not work contact either Jen Graf (717-805-2740) or Garri Ann Hearn (717-856-2760) to arrange another time to drop them off at the church.

GYG FALL SCHEDULE

November

- 15 GYG Afternoon at the Shearer's
3:30pm - 6:00pm
- 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
gracechyg@gmail.com



YOUTH FOOD CARDS

Purchasing Youth Food Cards from the church for either The Giving Pantry Thanksgiving collection or The Giving Tree supports both the Youth and that organization.

Call Wendy in the church office (717-737-0439 x 13) to schedule a time to stop in at the church office service window to pick up a card from Karns, Weis and Giant in amounts of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12 noon.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FROM THE GIVING PANTRY

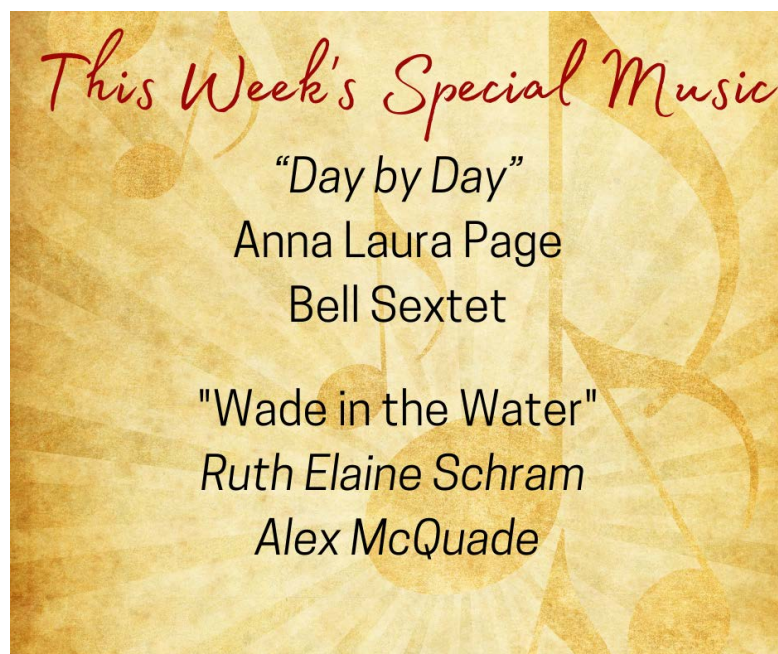
The Giving Pantry will be making up meal baskets for the people who attend the Wednesday pantry to be able to make a nice Thanksgiving dinner at home for their families. We could use the following items for the baskets:

- ♦ Donations or grocery gift cards to purchase items for a meal
- ♦ Turkey (we will accept coupons & vouchers)
- ♦ Mashed potatoes (bag or instant)
- ♦ Gravy
- ♦ Cans of corn
- ♦ Cans of green beans
- ♦ Stuffing (cubes or boxed)
- ♦ Pumpkin pie filling
- ♦ Pie crusts
- ♦ Cranberry sauce

If there is anything else you'd like to add we greatly appreciate it. We need the items by **Sunday, November 15** and they can be dropped off in the gray cabinet inside the parking lot doors during services or Wednesdays from 1-5pm. If dropping off a turkey please do so on Wednesdays between 1-5pm or contact me to schedule a time. Baskets will be distributed **November 18 from 1-5pm** during the Wednesday Giving Pantry pick-up.

Any questions? Call 717-856-2760 or email me at missann@marketsquarefriends.org.

Garri Ann Hearn



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, November 15** are given by Linda Biesecker in honor of her children, Marissa & Matthew.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, November 15** is given by Nancy Whitcomb in memory of parents, Charles & Kathryn Piper.

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.

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.

BOOK CLUB

Join the book club, for the conversation about their next book, over zoom on **Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm**. The November book is a novel written about Native Americans - set in a contemporary time. *There There* by Tommy Orange, a member of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes.

To join contact Pastor Cover at pastorcover.gelc@gmail.com.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY November 17 : Luke 12:22-48 1:00pm & 7:00pm via Zoom

Here Jesus tells us there are more important things about which to be anxious than what we eat or what we wear. Later using the metaphor of master and slaves, Jesus warns us to be ready to be ready for the Day of the Lord.

Contact Pastor Evan at (717)497-3742 or pastorevan47@gmail.com to join the Zoom study.

HILLS & VALLEYS WOMEN'S GROUP

We'll meet via Zoom on Monday, November 23 at 7:00pm. Don't have a computer or smartphone? Not a problem, we can work together to get you on the Zoom call through your landline. 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.

*There will be no
Tuesday Bible
Study On
November 24 or
December 1*

*There will be no
Caregiver & Grief
Support Group in
December.*

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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