

Good News from Grace

April 2024



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Our Purpose

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

Active versus Inactive Membership

In the “old” days, church members who did not meet the “requirements” of active membership were “removed” from the roles of the church. This was a most unpopular action, often angering members to the point of vowing to “never return” to church again.

Recognizing this action as damaging, the ELCA (national level) changed the constitution to reflect that it is the responsibility of the church to care for all people, active and inactive. The practice of removing members from the roles for inactivity has gone by the wayside for good reasons.

However, the constitution for congregations specifies active membership for the purpose of serving on Council and voting at meetings of the congregation:

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Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws. They shall not have voted as a seasonal member of another congregation of this church in the previous two calendar months

I have been reviewing the membership status of Grace to provide accurate membership records for the long-term pastor. We have our

share of inactive members. But what concerns me are those members who are listed as inactive but who are regularly attending worship and who volunteer for various ministries of Grace. They are identified as inactive because they have not made a contribution of record for two or more years. More often than not, these are confirmed members of a younger age (say, 30 years old or younger).

If you are regularly attending worship and have not placed a financial gift in an envelope with your name (to identify the giver of the gift), please do so immediately. Perhaps you are placing cash in the offering plate. However, such “plate offerings” are not traceable to the giver and so, “a contribution of record” is not being made.

You may also be riding on the financial coat tails of your parents who give regularly. Again, this relationship does not identify you as the one giving financial gifts to the church.

Please help me, and your future long-term pastor, with updating your membership status. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Diane Deppen, Administrative Specialist, who will gladly provide the information that you seek.

Let's be good stewards—not only of our time and talents but also of our financial gifts. Practicing good stewardship benefits everyone—especially when we are looking for active members to serve on the Congregation Council and to vote at congregation meetings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to seek me out.

Blessings, Pastor Lois

Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 5:00PM

Sundays at 9:30AM

or

[via Live Stream](#)

Sunday School

Sundays at 10:45am

September to May

This Month at Grace...

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

The Special Benevolence Offering for the **April** is **ELCA World Hunger**.

To contribute please list the dollar amount next to Special Offering Ministry and list *ELCA World Hunger* under comments.

2024 Sponsorship Opportunities

[CLICK HERE](#) to see available dates for 2024.

If you are interested in sponsoring one of these weeks you can either sign up on the bulletin board across from the elevator or contact Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.

Note: Other Altar Flower dates are available for sponsorship at special request by contacting the church office two weeks prior to the date you wish to sponsor.

If you sponsor a week, but do not plan to take the flowers home please let the church office know prior to that week. We have a member who will deliver flowers to Grace's homebound members.

Senior Helpers



Grace's Senior Helpers are here to get you where you need to go. Contact the church office Monday - Thursday

from 8am - 12noon by phone 717-737-0439 or by email office@gracecamphill.org for a list of members who are available to drive you.

If you'd like to be added to the Senior Helper list to take member places contact the church office.

Lost & Found



Don't forget to check the Lost & Found tub & coat rack in the Library if you are missing items.

Grace will hold the items for one month. If they are not claimed by then the items will be donated. Unable to stop in then call the office (717-737-0439) and we'll look for you.

Coffee Hour

Sundays 9:00 - 9:30am

before worship and

10:30 - 11:00am after

worship in the Library



Sunday School

Sundays 10:45 - 11:30am

The classes are: Kindergarten - 2nd grade and 3rd grade - 5th grade. Both classes meet in the Sunday School Wing, except for the weeks that JYG is in the Youth Room.

You are welcome to bring a friend or invite your neighbor or extended family. Please note we are welcoming 5 year old preschoolers in the younger class.

The **Winter/Spring** Sunday School schedule is available [HERE](#).

GYG & JYG Upcoming Events

April

- 7 10:45am JYG & GYG Brunch Mixer
- 21 5:00pm GYG Night
- 28 GYG Game Day



You can view the complete GYG schedule [HERE](#). You can view the complete JYG schedule [HERE](#).



LutheranHANDS will be holding a Service Retreat at Kirchenwald this Spring. This is a great event for all ages and families. There is an overnight option if you'd like! The service day is **April 20th!** A delicious dinner will be served that evening followed by a campfire. An outdoor contemporary worship service will happen the morning after! Stay tuned for more info!

Children & Youth—Financial Assistance for Summer Camp

A generous bequest in the amount of \$45,000 was given to Grace by the late Diane Brokenshire who died September 18, 2023. Diane wished to provide for all children and youth (up to age 18) of Grace and those who regularly participate in youth ministry, to attend a faith-based summer camp; those with or without the financial resources to do so.

Please send an email to Jesse Woodrow, Children, Youth & Family Minister, indicating the camp that you plan to attend, the dates and the amount of assistance—50% or more. A recommendation of fifty percent of the camp cost along with additional funding (as requested) will be considered for all requests by the Children, Youth & Family Minister and the Senior Pastor. Distributions will be sent directly to the camp.

Email Jesse Woodrow: gracechyg@gmail.com

Youth Food Cards

Karns, Weis and Giant grocery cards in the dollar amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available at the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon.

If paying with cash please have exact change. Checks should be made to GELC.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Sundays, 10:45 am—Conference Room

The Adult class concluded a study of The Ten Commandments with a video series by Sister Joan Chittister on March 24, 2024. The class will resume on **Sunday, April 14** for a post-Easter study of what Jesus' Resurrection means for us today.

“Breathing the Word” Bible Study Tuesdays, 1:00 pm - Library



The group has begun a study of the ELCA Social Statement on Human Sexuality. Next, we will move to a study of Abortion followed by a study of other social statements selected by the group.

Join your siblings in Christ for lively discussion as we explore familiar and unfamiliar topics that influence our faith and the ways that we live out our faith in a contemporary world, marked at times, by challenging and contentious social issues.

Calling voting members for the 2024 Assembly of the Lower Susquehanna Synod “For the Healing of the Nations: Christ’s Healing in a Broken World”

Friday evening, May 31, 2024 by Zoom
Saturday, June 1, 2024, in person St. Matthew Lutheran Church
839 W. Market Street, York 17401
Day of Edification
Saturday, May 18, 2024 by Zoom

Registration:

\$175 – Early Bird Rate (Open 3/1 thru 3/31) • \$200 – Standard Rate (Open 4/1 thru 4/30)

Two voting members, preferably one male and one female are invited to attend the Synod Assembly as representatives of Grace.

For more information: [Synod Assembly - Lower Susquehanna Synod \(lss-elca.org\)](https://www.lss-elca.org)



Candidate for Call Preaching April 6/7, 2024

Join us on April 6/7, 2024 as the Candidate for Call will be preaching. Immediately, after worship there will be a **in-person only member vote**. Members will receive a packet via mail prior to the call vote. If you do not receive a packet please contact the church office at 717-737-0439 Monday - Thursday, 8am to 12noon.



Prayer List Additions

Everyone appreciates prayer but not everyone wishes to be added to the “out loud” prayers.

If you are aware of a member of Grace who could benefit from being added to the prayers, please let one of the pastors know. They will contact the individual to find out whether they wish to be added to the “out loud” prayers, ongoing prayers or prayed for “quietly” by the Community Prayer Group.

We hold in prayer especially this week...

Roy White, Jenny, Ashley Laird, Kylee Dart, Alyssa England, Jim Blauvelt, Pen Hoover, Russ Weber, Debbie Aldridge, Pete Psychogis, Paul & Linda Glance, Dr. Robert Little, Kelly Ackley, Al Hughes, Shirley Davis, Dale Swenson, Bob, Shana Funk, and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Tom Hall, Mike Hillegas, Susie Hopper, Joyce Thomas (Ohio) & son, David, Lynn Royal, Bonnie Peechatka, Marcie, Luke & Wesley Beam, Eric Rome, Dana Moore, John McNichol, Kay King, Justin Minnich, Michelle Hillegas, Darlene M., Eileen McCann, and Mike Lutz.

We also hold our homebound in prayer:

Betty Bennett, Gladys Cline, Sue Gasswint, Yvonne Gettys, Joan Harman, Janice Hench, Frank Hills, Sis Hoffman, Shirley Hughes, Howard Lauver, Janice Light, Lou Lore, Patti Reed, Bob & Ruth Rhodes, Mary Louise Shetter, Dorothy Shreffler, John Shuey, and Sandy Yetter.

Praying for our Homebound Members

The pastoral staff wishes to lift up this special group of members on a regular basis during the prayers. Each week, a group of homebound members will be included in the out loud prayers.

...sometimes we forget to tell others that someone has healed...

Let's be good stewards of our prayer list. If someone has healed, or if someone has moved on to eternal life, please let the church office know. Names will automatically be moved to the ongoing prayers after a month on the weekly prayers, which are read out loud during worship. They will then be removed from the ongoing prayers after another month unless you let us know to keep praying.

For Pastoral Assistance or At Home Communion

Pastor Lois, Interim Pastor

717-579-1875

prvo2005@gmail.com

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.”

– Mother Teresa

From the Church Council



Council Actions for March 2024

Council voted to transfer money, a portion of a memorial received in 2023, to the Grace Assets fund to cover Kentland final expenses.

Council is still looking for at least two members, preferably a man and a woman, to volunteer to represent Grace at Synod Assembly on June 1, 2024.

Council is also looking for four congregation members to run for four seats on council, as the terms of four current council members are expiring on June 30, 2024.

Council approved a continuing resolution for the newly established Tech Team that oversees technology issues in the church.

Council adopted a policy for administering the newly established Brokenshire Camping Fund bequeathed by former member Diane Brokenshire. This fund provides financial assistance to youth attending church camps.

FROM THE TREASURER

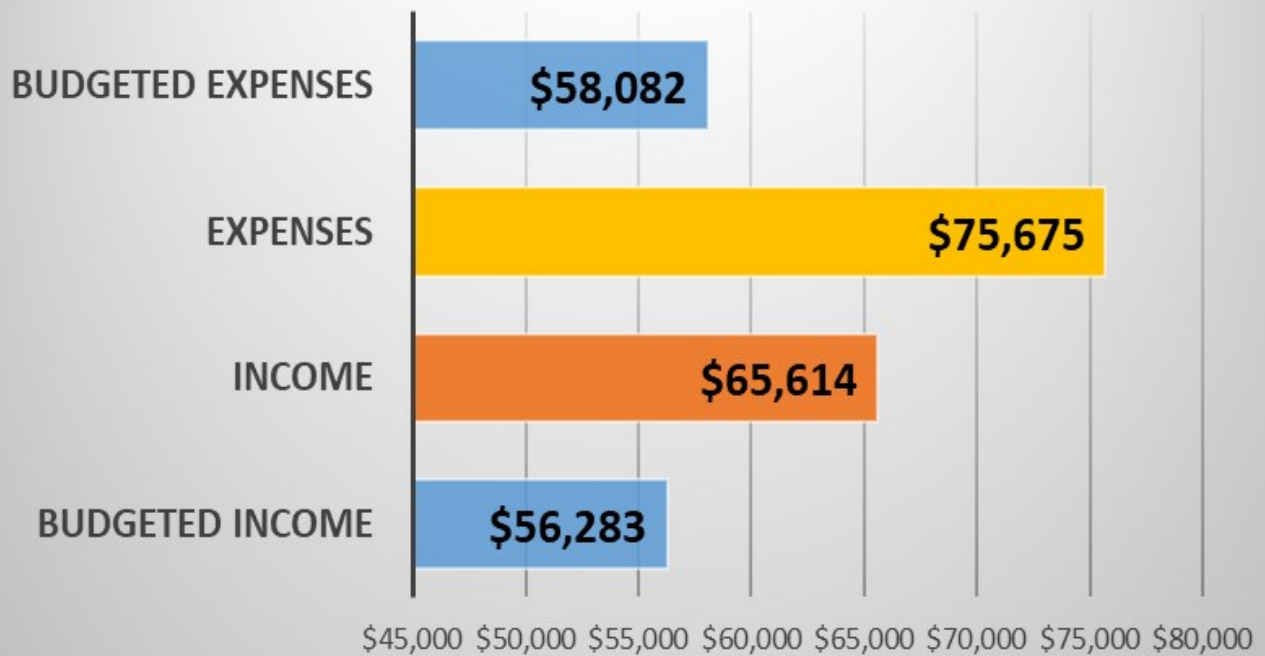


Members and Friends of Grace,

Hopefully an early spring means no more snowplowing for us this winter! However, it's still early and time will tell. Thank you for your continued support of Grace's ministries.

Susan Dickinson
Treasurer

Grace Lutheran Church, February 2024



Kentland Retreat Center Open House

Come and see all of the hard work that has happened at Kentland, at an Open House, Sunday, April 21 from 2-4pm. We'll have refreshments, and folks to tell you all about the renovations. It's a great time to come and see the property if you haven't been there in a while. At 4pm we'll hold a short rededication service.

If you are able to help provide refreshments, contact Susan Ryder at ryder.susan@comcast.net or 717-574-1960

Kentland

a woodland retreat

1022 E. Winding Hill Rd., Mechanicsburg

Open House & Rededication

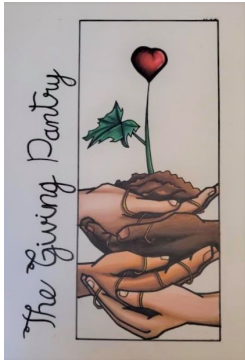
Sunday, April 21 2-4 p.m.

- Stop by for refreshments and tour our renovated space.
- Rededication at 4p.m.



A Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, Camp Hill

717-737-0439



"You don't even know"

A few weeks one of our Giving Pantry participants said, "You don't even know." He was talking about how much the pantry had helped him in his difficult time. He said that the "dominos" had stopped falling and things were getting into place. He had gotten a new job and a new place to stay and life was looking up!

Each one of you plays a part in that. Without folks willing to pick up fruit, bread, and Aldi donations for us; without in kind and financial donations; and the use of Grace's space, we couldn't provide this help. Thank you for making challenging times, better for folks!

The Community Meal at Grace



2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

The Community Meal
2nd & 4th Wednesday each month from 5:30 -
6:30pm
in the Social Hall.

April 10
&
April 24

More information at

<https://www.gracecamphill.org/service>

Grace's
Book Club



Grace's Book Club

Grace's Book Club will be discussing "The Measure" by Nikki Erlick on **Tuesday, April 2 at 7pm via Zoom.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for login information.

Grace Has New Email Addresses



Grace's office and office staff have new email addresses. Please start using them; however, the old email addresses will still be valid for now as we transition to the new email addresses.

Church Office: office@gracecamphill.org

Chris Jury: cjury@gracecamphill.org

Diane Deppen: ddeppen@gracecamphill.org

The following emails are not changing:

Pastor Lois prvo2005@gmail.com

Emily & Kris Hartman k.e.hartman11@gmail.com

Jesse Woodrow gracechyg@gmail.com



CUB SCOUT PACK 54 BIKE RODEO

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Obstacle Course!
Bike Inspection!
Prizes!
Free Food!
Fun!
Bring Your Bike And Helmet!

WHEN

Sunday, April 14th
2:00 pm-5:00 pm

WHERE

Hosted By: Boy Scout Troop 54 At
Grace Lutheran Church 1610 Carlisle
Road Camp Hill, PA

WHO

All Boys & Girls ages 5-11 Are welcome





- 4/1 James Bechtel
 4/2 Eric Flook
 Mitchell Hearn
 Keith Snavelly
 4/4 Lois Boor
 Donna Leisenring
 Louis Lore
 Sharon Potteiger
 Linda Tschopp
 4/5 Earl Artz
 Theresa Snyder
 4/7 Cole Ryder
 4/9 Joyce Thomas
 4/10 Liam Gunnett
 Kaden Scharein
 4/11 Kathryn Perella-Carvalhaes
 4/13 Ruth Rhodes
 Stephen Sultzaberger
 4/15 Jaxson Flook
 Sherry Kiser
 4/16 Janet Gordon
 Elizabeth Jury
 4/17 William R. Barlup, II
 Alexander McQuade
 Ray Miller
 4/18 Gloria Boyer
 4/19 Caroline Buchanan
 Nathan Chesky
 Elaine Price

- 4/20 Connor O'Haren
 Matthew Ozimok
 4/22 Reed Bozart
 4/23 Ann Barnett
 Joseph Jackson
 4/25 Eleanor Erb
 Sean Hyser
 Bonnie Taylor
 Bryan Weber
 4/27 Cashlyn Bozart
 Ted Evans
 4/28 John Ozimok

Let's Celebrate Some Monumental Birthdays!

April 4 - Donna Leisenring (91)

April 13 - Ruth Rhodes (100)

April 17 - Ray Miller (95)

Take a moment to wish Donna, Ruth & Ray a happy birthday with a telephone call or mail a card to:

*Donna Leisenring
 3223 Dunlap Lane
 Apt. B
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055*

*Ruth Rhodes
 835 Sheely Lane
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055*

*Ray Miller
 2700 Lisburn Road
 Camp Hill, PA 17011*

To let them know that you are thinking of them on this very special occasions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fishing Creek Salem Women in Mission Spring Tea & Pastries Morning Saturday, April 13 at 10am | Fishing Creek Salem UMC | 402 Valley Road, Etters

Susan Ryder will be sharing information about the Family Promise program. In lieu of an offering, donations of toilet paper and paper towels will be collected for Family Promise.

This is open to all Women at Grace. If anyone is interested in attending this event please contact the Church Office at 717-737-0439 or office@gracecamphill.org by **12 noon on Tuesday, April 2.**



Konrad Paszkdzki Trio Sunday, April 14 at 3pm Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill

Join us for a FREE Concert from the Konrad Paszkudzki Trio. Straight from the Big Apple, the Trio's aesthetic can be summed up in three words: mood, sizzle and swing. Their sound is classic yet timeless in its mode of expression, captivating and ardent lovers of the jazz idiom and Tin Pan Alley tradition alike. The focus is on standards - tunes collectively known as The Great American Song Book.

Undivided: a celebration of unity and community

A FREE Concert Series presented by the Cumberland Singers featuring a wide variety of choral music will be held at **Grace on Sunday, April 21 at 3pm.**

This same concert will also be held at the following locations:

8pm Friday, April 19	St. Paul UCC (626 Williams Grove Road, Mechanicsburg)
7pm Friday, April 20	Fishing Creek Salem UM (402 Valley Road, Etters)
7pm Friday, April 26	Bethany Village - Rife Center (325 Wesley Drive, Mechanicsburg)

A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted at intermission

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12 noon on the 15th of the month** for the next month's newsletter. Grace Notes information is due by **12 noon on Tuesdays.**

Email to ddeppen@gracecamphill.org

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