



Good News from Grace

September 2023

Our Purpose

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

Building Community

While serving a faith community several years ago, I volunteered for Junior Achievement. I presented programs at the local elementary school which focused on the concept of a community and how different businesses and professionals (police officers, sanitary workers, school teachers, etc.) work together for the greater benefit of the community. The sessions were a mix of teaching, engaging the children in activities, and building relationships with the classroom teachers and children.

As I reflect on this past summer, I think of the communities that were devastated by natural disasters. Extreme heat, heavy downpours, drought conditions and high winds all left their mark around our country as tornadoes, wildfires and floods swept away houses and claimed the lives of far too many people and animals. We continue to pray for communities where such losses were overwhelming. I encourage you to use the link in this newsletter and on our website to give generously to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) as they are among the first responders on the ground where disaster occurs, offering much needed help to traumatized areas, rebuilding communities and lives.

Aside from vacation, one summer experience that I enjoy is to visit our campers. Outdoor camping ministries offer a community where faith is shaped, the Word of God is shared and where friendships are formed. I visited Confirmation Camp in June, and in July I enjoyed lunch with a few youth at summer camp. We prayed for campers trusting that everyone enjoyed a positive community experience.

I rely on the summer months to plan for another program year, considering the ways that we can strengthen our community of faith. Soon, we will resume many learning opportunities and activities. I invite you to mark all Sundays in September on your calendar to participate in "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday (10) with Trinity Lemoyne, for Rally day with outdoor worship (17) and for the start of Sunday School classes (24). These events offer great opportunities for learning, for fellowship with one another and with our siblings in Christ, and for building us up as the community of Christ.

On August 20 we completed the Old Testament series about the family of Abraham-Isaac-Jacob with Joseph reconciling with his brothers in Egypt, bringing wholeness to this extended family—a community of sorts. We then turn to the birth of Moses then to God calling Moses into service to conclude this summer preaching series. These stories teach us so much about families—which are communities in and of themselves. God surprises us again and again by the ways that God shapes these characters, turning them from selfishness to selflessness to fulfill God's purpose.

Jesus was all about community—restoring people to wholeness to return them to their community, teaching about the Kingdom of God—a new community, and giving of himself so that we might live anew as individuals and within our communities. Let's continue to come together, to forgive where forgiveness is needed, to build each other up and to give thanks to God for our faith community. With thanksgiving for you and this faith filled community, 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

Join us for Rally Day on
Sunday, September 17
and weekly

Sunday School starts on
Sunday, September 24

This Month at Grace...

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **September** is given by Dr. G. Robert Little in memory of Collette Little.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **September** is **Lutheran Disaster Response**. To contribute please list the dollar amount next to Special Offering Ministry and list Lutheran Disaster Response under comments. *If you want it to specifically to go to Wildfire Relief please note that on contribution envelope.*

2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

[CLICK HERE](#) to see available dates 2023. 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 deppengelc@gmail.com.

Note: Other Altar Flower dates are available for sponsorship at special request by contacting the church office two weeks 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

Contact the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon at 717-737-0439 or

email gelc@comcast.net for a list of members who are available to help you get where you need to go.

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.

JOIN US FOR

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 17
 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 Outdoor Worship*
 Grace Lutheran Church
 Parking Lot
 1610 Carlisle Rd, Camp Hill

We will have Outdoor Worship that will incorporate many favorite Sunday School songs. Then stay to enjoy lunch, fun activities and fellowship. Plus, learn all about Grace's Sunday School program. All are welcome!

**No Live Stream for Outdoor Service. In case of inclement weather service will move indoors with Live Stream*



Greetings Grace,

We wanted to share the exciting news that we are moving faster than ever towards a new organ here at Grace! This past month, a team went up to the Allen Organ factory to see the inner-workings of the factory, the process in which Allen Organs are made, and to choose specific details based on Grace's needs for our new organ. Check out the picture of Pastor Lois and Emily Hartman with their safety goggles prior to entering the factory!

Unfortunately, we were not permitted to take pictures inside the organ factory, but we were able to take photos in their new gallery of organ history. We were able to see a similar computer model that is currently inside our organ now. It is pictured to the right. That particular digital board was from 1971. It was amazing to see how much technology has changed and how much better and more efficient it has become. The digital board of today's new organs is much smaller and has significantly more working memory and speed. We had a wonderful experience!

We wanted to provide you with some details regarding the decisions that the team made for our new organ based on Grace's needs. The new organ will have 66 stops, 3 wooden manuals, Genisys technology (pre-recorded instrumental sounds not typically found on traditional organs), a 16 channel expansion (speakers/audio), an adjustable bench, a 128 level memory, and many other exciting features. The numerous sound options and volume levels that this organ is able to produce is massive! Get ready for your socks to be blown off!

Now that we have narrowed down the specific details and quoted the prices of current materials, we were able to get a precise total amount of \$138,525 which is not far off from our ball-park organ fund goal. Keep those donations coming!

In September, Emily will be giving brief Sunday morning temple talks about the capabilities of this new organ, and the limitations of our current organ. Emily will demonstrate and explain some of the failures that we are currently experiencing with our organ. It is deteriorating at a much faster rate!



For those of you that may be interested, check out this video link below. In this video, the Allen Organ company demonstrates some of the amazing sound options and sound combinations that now exist through their Genisys technology. Keep in mind, the new organ for Grace will have all of this sound and volume capability, but its stops will be in the form of traditional organ draw knobs instead of the "button" that you see in the video. It is truly amazing how far technology and organ capabilities have come! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRIx2zDZtLo>

Blessings,

Kris and Emily Hartman



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sundays, 10:45 am—Conference Room
Beginning September 24, 2023

We are starting an Adult Sunday School class at your request! The year will begin with a study of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. This series offers a “detailed and colorful overview of Matthew 5-7” by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, University Professor of New Testament and

Jewish Studies and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences.

After learning more about Jesus’ radical teachings on the Kingdom of Heaven against the socio-economic and political backdrop of the Roman Empire, we’ll learn about the ELCA social statements and select one or two for a deeper study (class choice). Since 1991 the ELCA has been creating social statements—teaching and policy documents that provide a framework for the church and its members to think, discuss and act on social issues from a perspective that intersects faith and society. “Social teaching documents aren’t confessional or litmus tests, meaning you’re only Lutheran if you believe every word, but they put into writing the faith-based thinking about social issues that guides members and the public work of our church,” Willer said. “Social teaching documents think through—from the perspective of faith—the frameworks needed for discerning God’s call to be people who love, seek justice and respond to social issues.” [Roger Willer, ELCA director for theological ethics with the Office of the Presiding Bishop.]

On the horizon is a 12 week video series by Sister Joan Chittister on The Ten Commandments. Sister Joan “offers an honest and refreshing approach to the Ten Commandments.” She asks, “What are the Ten Commandments and what do they mean to us now in a world where Jew, Christian, and Muslim all claim to embrace Moses and the Tablets of Sinai as the foundation of our law, however many other laws we all add to them?” Participants are invited “to think deeply about the moral fibers of our society. She presents the idea that the Ten Commandments are an adventure in human growth—that we are not so much convicted by them as we are transformed by them.”

Date	Topic	Scripture
Sept 24	Sermon on the Mount—The Beatitudes	Matthew 4:23-5:12
Oct 1	Sermon on the Mount—The Extensions	Matthew 5:17-20
Oct 8	Sermon on the Mount—Practicing Piety	Matthew 5:13-16; 6:1-8, 16-18
Oct 15	Sermon on the Mount—Our Father	Matthew 6:9-15 Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Oct 22	Sermon on the Mount—Finding Your Treasure	Matthew 6:19-7:5
Oct 29	Sermon on the Mount—Living into the Kingdom	Matthew 7:6-27
Nov 5	ELCA Social Statements—What are they?	
Nov 12	Social Statement study of choice begins	
Nov 19		
Nov 26		
Dec 3		
Dec 10		
Dec 17		



Grace Youth Group (GYG)

Grace Youth Group (GYG) is starting up again! Our first night together will be on **September 17 from 4:45-7:00pm**. We will have a ton of fun with our dinner, games and intro to GYG. Just as a reminder - ALL kids in grades 6-12 are invited to attend as well as any friends you wish to invite!

Grace Junior Youth Group (JYG)

Grace Junior Youth Group (JYG) will start on **Sunday, October 1 from 10:45am - 12:00pm** in the Youth room with Jesse. Just a reminder - ALL kids (and any friends they want to invite) in grades 3-5 are invited to attend. For more information regarding either youth group contact Jesse at gracechyg@gmail.com.

Youth Sunday School

Our classes will meet every week, starting on **September 24, from 10:45AM – 11:30AM**.

Classes are:

- ◆ Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2 – will meet in the Sunday School classroom wing
- ◆ JYG (Grades 3, 4, & 5) – On the 1st Sunday of the month, will meet in the youth room downstairs
- ◆ Grades 3, 4 & 5 – On all other weeks, will meet in the Sunday School classroom wing

There will not be a Confirmation Class this year.

We will kick off our year of Sunday School on **Sunday, September 17** with a Rally Day Celebration at 9:30AM in the church parking lot with outdoor worship, lunch, a bounce house and other activities. There you can find more information about Sunday School and family ministry.

In addition, those students entering 3rd grade will receive a new Bible! We would like to present you with your new bible on Sunday morning, September 17 at the 9:30AM worship service. Also at this service we will be installing Sunday School teachers and helpers.

For students in JYG, you will meet the 1st Sunday of the month, starting October 1st, from 10:45AM-12:00 noon in the youth room with youth leader Jesse Woodrow. On all other Sundays, you will meet in the Sunday School wing with a teacher from 10:45-11:30.

Jesse will be sending out the GYG schedule to the families of middle and high schoolers.

On **Sunday, September 10**, we will be joining Trinity Lemoyne to work on three service projects. This is the day of the ELCA's "God's Hands Our Work" Service Day. The projects are: building Giving Libraries, putting lanternfly tape on trees in Memorial Park and working on quilts. Please either meet in Grace's Library immediately after worship to carpool or at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran (509 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne) at 11:00AM.

Lastly, this year we are planning to do a Christmas Pageant for the 4:00PM Christmas Eve service! We will have rehearsals after Sunday School on December 10 & 17. Stay tuned for more info. If your child would like a speaking role in the play, please let Pastor Lois know.

You can view the Sunday School schedule [HERE](#). If you have question about youth Sunday School, please contact Hope Pankake at hopeswenson@gmail.com or 717-448-0739.



**“Breathing the Word” Bible Study
Tuesdays, 1:00 pm—Conference Room
Beginning September 19, 2023**

We gather once again to study God’s Word. Bible stories are about the breath of God—the ways in which God’s breath is life-giving, life-changing, cleansing and spoken.

Ruach is the Hebrew word for **"breath,"** or **"wind,"** or **"spirit."** In Scripture, the word is applied both to human beings and to God. Depending on the context, *ruach* can be talking about a person's emotional state of being, or their soul or spirit, and is sometimes used as an idiom, as in "a mere breath."

Pneuma (πνεῦμα) is the Greek word for “breath” and in a religious context for “spirit” or “soul.” In Stoic thought: the vital spirit, soul, or creative force of a person.

We will begin “Breathing the Word” with an introduction to the Bible—the type of books, the language (Hebrew and Greek), the style of literature and some key words.

Then we turn to “walking in the footsteps of Paul.” Join Pastor Lois on the journey she took in October 2021 to walk where Paul walked in modern day Turkey and Greece. We will focus on Paul’s letters that tell the stories of new church plants and the ways in which he breathed the Word of God on new converts.

The four weeks before Christmas, the Season of Advent, will tie back to the beginning of our walk with Paul by studying the *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggemann.

Here is the schedule. Mark your calendar now so that you don’t miss the opportunity to “Breathe the Word of God!”

Date	Topic	Scripture
Sept 19	Bible Basics	
Sept 26	Philip II (Macedonia) and Roman/Greek gods	TBA
Oct 3	Paul in Philippi	Acts 9 – Conversion of Paul Acts 16 – Macedonia – Lydia Philippians (Paul’s letter)
Oct 10	Paul in Thessalonica (Thessaloniki)	Acts 17:1-15 1 and 2 Thessalonians (Paul’s letters)
Oct 17	Meteora, Greece – Monasteries and Icon Studio	TBA
Oct 24	Paul in Athens	Acts 17:16-33
Oct 31	Paul in Corinth	Acts 18:1-18 1 and 2 Corinthians (Paul’s letters)
Nov 7	Paul in Ephesus	Acts 18:18 Acts: 19:1-41; 20 [1-16] 17-38 Ephesians (Paul’s letter)
Nov 14 & 21	Break (Pr Lois on vacation)	
Nov 28	<i>Names for the Messiah</i> by Walter Brueggemann— “Wonderful Counselor”	Isaiah 9:6
Dec 5	“Mighty God”	Isaiah 9:6
Dec 12	“Everlasting Father”	Isaiah 9:6
Dec 19	“Prince of Peace”	Isaiah 9:6



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...

Doris Shenck, Patti Reed, Kay King, Pete P, John McNichol, Norma Shaffer, Jonathan Friedman, Bill Magruder, Carolyn Houck, Ed Yoffee, Lynn Royal, Pat Ensminger, Shirley Davis, Dale Swenson, Bob, Marcie, Luke & Wesley Beam, Shana Funk, Diane Brokenshire, and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Justin Minnich, Steven Fry, Michelle Hillegas, Sue Gasswint, Darlene M., Eileen McCann, and Mike Lutz.

We also hold our homebound in prayer:

Betty Bennett,, Gladys Cline, Yvonne Gettys, Joan Harman, John Hench, Frank Hills, Sis Hoffman, Shirley Hughes, Howard Lauver, Lou Lore, 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

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” - Ephesians 6:18

Consider 'Percentage Giving'

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." –Malachi 3:10

Again and again the Bible lifts up tithing – giving a tenth of our income – as a benchmark for faithful giving. The prophet Malachi goes so far as to say God promises to rain down abundant blessings upon those who tithe. Yet most Christians fall quite short of tithing, generally giving less than 3 percent to the church?

Why? One reason is that in calculating how much to give, most people use the fixed-rate method. They first take stock of how much *they are able* to give, and then how much *they want* to give. Weighing these two factors, they then decide how much *they will* give.

There's nothing particularly bad about this method, but it has limitations. While giving folks an offering amount they can live with, the fixed-rate method doesn't necessarily put them on the path toward tithing.

A better method is percentage giving, that is, determining your offering as a percentage of income. Here's how:

Using a calculator, divide your weekly (or monthly, or yearly) church offering by your take-home pay for the same period (week, month or year). Then multiply that figure by 100. This gives you the percentage of your giving. For example, if your weekly offering is \$30 and your weekly take-home pay is \$500, your percentage of giving is 6 percent ($30 \div 500 = 0.06$, then $0.06 \times 100 = 6$).

Can *everyone* afford to tithe? Of course not. But many of us, maybe most of us, could afford to give more than we do now. The important thing is to be prayerful about your offering, be as generous as you are able, and keep tithing in mind, perhaps as a goal.

Keeping track of your giving as a percentage of income provides you with information to gauge your offering and perhaps build up to a tithe. You can make it a goal gradually, over time, to increase the percentage until you reach a tithe – 10 percent. One simple way would be to increase your giving by one half of a percentage point per year.

As Malachi promises, God will bless you richly for your tithing, and not only that, your church will be blessed, too. Switching from fixed-rate giving to percentage giving is a good start.

--Rob Blezard

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[Click here](#) for a complete and up-to-date bio for Pastor Blezard.

The Community Meal at Grace



2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

Community Meal at Grace

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

More information at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/service>

September's Community Meals will be on:

Wednesday, September 13 & 27

View menu [Here](#)

**FROM THE
TREASURER**



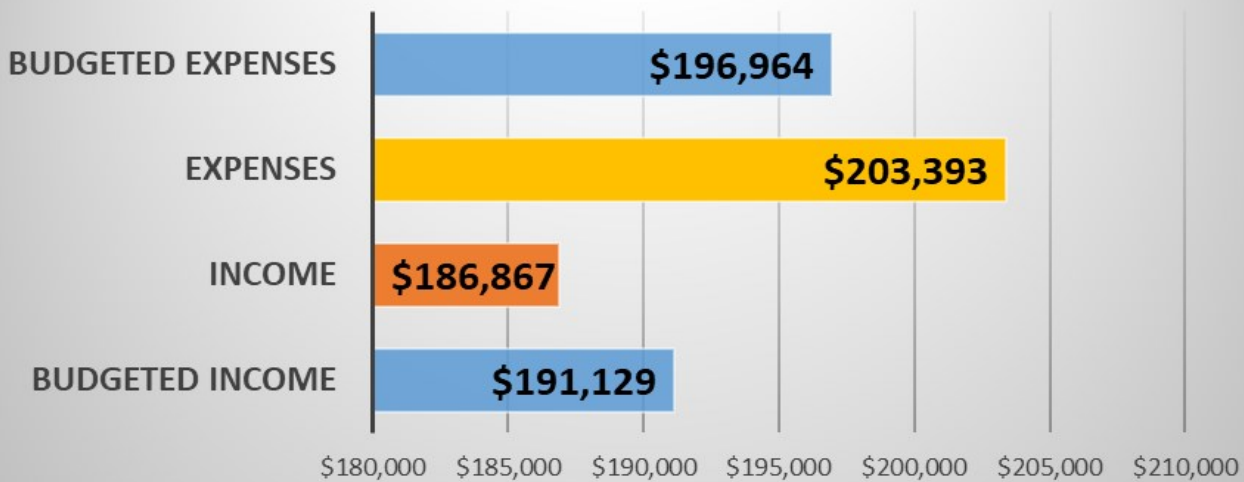
In contrast to the end of June when budgeted income was only \$272 higher than actual income, the end of July has widened to an income shortfall of \$4,261.55. Almost \$3k of the gap is a reduction in member contributions. As predicted: Summer is here and regular giving has waned.

One way to combat this annual problem is for members to enroll in automatic giving as many members have already done. It's a steady, predictable contribution coming from your account, and steady, predictable income coming into Grace. A win-win! You can either set it up on your own online or contact the Church office for help.

If you set it up online, please be sure to select the first option "Apply Where Most Needed." If you select any of the other (very worthy) options, then your contributions do not help our budget. Also be prepared to choose whether you want to contribute weekly, biweekly, or monthly. (I encourage choosing monthly if you can, simply because that means fewer transaction fees for Grace to pay to our vendor). Whatever you decide, thank you for all your support of Grace!

-Susan Dickinson, Treasurer

Grace Lutheran Church, thru July 2023



Council Actions August 2023

From the Church Council



Council approved an amendment to the continuing resolution regarding the membership of the Personnel Committee, defining lengths of terms and staggering them. Ted Evans, Nevin Shenck, Christin Heidingsfelder, and Krista Snaveley have agreed to be new members of the Personnel Committee. Current chair Marti Bert was approved to continue in that role.

New job descriptions were approved for Director of Music and Organist. Leave allowances for these positions were adjusted to be appropriate and consistent.

Treasurer, Susan Dickinson will purchase an update to Grace's PowerChurch program, which is used for budgeting and financial transactions as well as maintaining membership rolls. It is currently slow and cumbersome to use. The update will increase efficiency of use by treasurer, administrator, and office staff.



Dear Members of Grace,

I returned on July 10th from an amazing, inspiring week in Guatemala where I visited the ORIGINAL Hope Academy in beautiful Santa Lucia Milpas Altas! I was so tremendously impressed with the work being done there...the school is abuzz with learning, joy and excitement; the girls are engaged, confident, and blooming!

I returned home with an even greater 'fire in my belly' to make a difference in Middletown with the first Hope Academy PA! **I have also been reminded that there is a great need, here in our own backyards, for families to have support in getting a quality early childhood education for their kids.**

Currently, 58.8% of school-age children in Middletown, where the preschool is located, come from a family considered 'low income' by federal standards. That number rose 10% in the past year alone. Middletown Area School District reports that the top reasons for children in the area not attending preschool is due to economics and lack of transportation.

I endeavor to help make Hope Academy PA a bridge for some of these families. The only way we can do that is by offering aid to families in need. If families complete a need assessment and are deemed eligible for assistance, we hope that we can help them make early education for their children a reality. I currently have 3 families who have registered, but are asking for some form of financial assistance. **This is where the Hope Academy Scholarship Fund comes in!**

We have launched a special scholarship fund for Hope Academy PA students. If you are interested in supporting a child in need in obtaining a quality, bilingual STEAM early childhood education, please consider donating to our scholarship fund! Please share with others, too!

<https://tree4hope.networkforgood.com/projects/188640-hope-academy-pa-scholarship-fund>

Finally, if you would rather support our efforts with some sweat equity (inventorying classroom materials, helping organize our school library, etc.), or just simply be on a list to get updates on what we're up to, please let me know!! We are very happy for all forms of support, including following us along on our journey!

I've created a [Google Form](#) that you can complete to share how you'd like to support Hope Academy PA...even if it's just by hearing our news and cheering us from afar! If you'd rather not complete the form, just email me at jen@tree4hope.org or call me at 717-805-2740!

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support!

In Hope,
Jen Graf



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.

Leadership Training | Saturday, September 16 | 1:00 - 4:00pm | Grace Conference Room

God calls us to serve in various ways and often, God chooses those who we least expect - remember the story of the prophet Samuel anointing David (1 Samuel 16)?

Pastor Lois will be leading training for those in leadership positions at the church AND for those who would like to discern their gifts for leadership. We'll talk about adaptive leadership and serving as resilient leaders in a world of tension and change. Please sign up now through this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4DADA922AAFCC70-leadership1>



It's that time of year for our Grace music ensembles to start up again! These groups are open to anyone who loves music, fellowship, and working together. You do not have to be able to read music or have a musical background. If you are interested in being in one of these groups please join us on Thursday August 31st! If you are unsure, feel free to come check them out. If you are worried about scheduling or consistent commitment, please know that we are understanding of schedules, flexible and always welcome your participation. On

Thursday, August 31st, bells will meet in the loft for rehearsal at 6:30pm and choir will meet downstairs in the choir room at 7:30pm. Snacks will be provided! Yum!!! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at

k.e.hartman11@gmail.com.

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music." -Martin Luther

Blessings,
Kris and Emily



Live Stream Team

As you know Grace live streams our Sunday morning services each week. Chris Jury is currently the only person scheduled to do this. We would like to train more volunteers to help in this capacity to either join the team on a rotational basis or help occasionally throughout the year.

The duties of this position include setting up and controlling the camera as well as starting and running two programs on the computer to record the service. If you are interested in knowing more about this position or setting up a time for Chris to train you please contact the church office at 717-737-0439 or gelc@comcast.net.

Grace Evangelical
Lutheran Church



**THE CALL
COMMITTEE**

Here is the call committee update on the status of the call process. We received and interviewed three candidates presented by our Synod with the following results:

Candidate 1 - The committee conducted two interviews with this candidate. The candidate withdrew their name from further consideration because the candidate did not feel that this was where God was calling them to serve.

Candidate 2 - The committee conducted one interview with this candidate. We did not see this candidate as a good fit for Grace.

Candidate 3 - The committee conducted two interviews with this candidate. We did not see this candidate as a good fit for Grace.

The call committee has done our due diligence and we have requested additional candidates from Synod for consideration.

This has been challenging and hard work and we appreciate the prayers, support, and encouragement from the congregation. We ask for your continued prayers for strength and encouragement as we continue our walk with our Lord in search of the right candidate for Grace.

John Ozimok



“God’s work. Our hands.”



Join us for a day of service!

Join us on **Sunday, September 10** as we participate in “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday along with Trinity Lutheran Church in Lemoyne. There are three projects planned for that day.

1. Installing Spotted Lantern Fly tape on trees in Memorial Park (and if time permits possibly Negley Park). The borough of Lemoyne is supplying the materials.
2. Quilting. Any/all quilts created would go to foster kid(s) who attend a youth retreat each year.
3. Giving Library. Build a giving library for books that would be available to the public.

Plan to meet (wearing your ELCA yellow t-shirt if you have one) in the Library immediately after worship. We will then organize to carpool for the service projects.



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observation of Labor Day.



- 9/1 Megan Gunnett
Keith Lippert
- 9/2 Veronica Angus
- 9/3 MacKenzie Knight
Joan Sagers
- 9/4 Krista Johansen
- 9/5 Carl Fritz
Gloria Haas
- 9/6 Morgan Heidingsfelder
Ken Shiley
- 9/7 Sarah Reed
- 9/8 Elizabeth Hyde
- 9/9 Robert Hillegas
Jonathan Youse
- 9/10 Stephen Johansen
Kelcey Miller
Michael Savastio
- 9/14 William Robison
- 9/15 Lizann Brickell
Larry Hoffman
Alexander Labell
- 9/17 Julie Flook
Sharon Warfel
- 9/18 Robert Rhodes
Susan Ryder
- 9/19 Hayden Gunnett
Cynthia Kramer
Cheryl Wiediger
- 9/20 Linda Lippert
Charles Sweeney

Let's Celebrate Some Monumental Birthdays!

On **September 18** Robert Rhodes turns 101 years old and on **September 25** Dawn McCollum turns 90 years old. Take a moment to wish them a happy birthday with a telephone call or mail a card to:

Robert Rhodes
855 Sheely Lane
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Dawn McCollum
208 Oak Knoll Road
New Cumberland, PA 17070

Let them know you are thinking of them on these very special occasions.

- 9/21 Timothy Eck
Maddie Graf
Joseph Gribb
Bishop Penrose Hoover
- 9/22 Dawn Gribb
Barbara Primrose
- 9/23 Erica Rowland
- 9/24 Emily Hartman
Pat O'Neal
Nolan Sheaffer
Harold Statler, Jr.
Cynthia Stattel
- 9/25 Ava Caron
Parker Graf
Robert Little
Dawn McCollum
- 9/29 Olivia Ehresman
Alexander Weber
- 9/30 Stephen Barnett
Gavin Meador
Zachary Weber



Thank you to all the wonderful people from Grace who sent me birthday cards for my 92nd birthday!

Dick Hoff

Thank you, thank you, thank you to those of you who contributed to Grace's Seminarian Education Account. The money I receive from the account will be used during my education at United Lutheran Seminary for required textbooks, computer programs, commuting and overnight stays on the Philadelphia campus as needed. As I write this, I am on the Philadelphia campus taking a class on Biblical Greek (I'm starting off with a challenge - wow!). During the week of August 28, I will begin the fall semester classes.

Additionally, I would like to share that I have been entranced into candidacy for a minister of Word and Service by the Candidacy Committee of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. To explain further, I hope to become a Deacon and work alongside a Pastor in a congregation with Sunday School, visitation, delivering sermons, community outreach and service projects.

Thank you to everyone at Grace for your continued prayers, words of encouragement and support. It means the world to me as I start this journey.

Hope Pankake

CAN you Imagine?

Yes you CAN!
Thank You for supporting The Giving Pantry this summer!

Coffee Hour
*Sundays 9:00 - 9:30am
 before worship and
 10:30 - 11:00am after
 worship in the Library*

Coffee Hour Resumes
 Join us weekly for Coffee Hour starting **Sunday, September 10** in the Library.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES PICKUP **1 1/2 Hours, Once a Month**

Can bring fresh produce to families in need! The Giving Pantry could really use some help picking up fruit from Weis on Linglestown Road (Harrisburg), on Mondays. We have two drivers now, but a third would make it much easier on them. With the high cost of food, this produce provides much needed fresh fruit and vegetables to families who would do without. Thanks for considering donating your time! You can sign up [HERE](#). Questions? Contact Susan Ryder ryder.susan@comcast.net 717-574-1960

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chicken BBQ Sunday, September 10

Lisburn Community Fire Company | 1800 Main Street, Lisburn | 11:00am - 1:30pm
\$ 10.00 per meal

Drive thru chicken BBQ. Each dinner includes one half barbequed chicken, baked potato, applesauce, a roll, butter and a bottle of water.

Fort Hunter Day Sunday, September 17

Fort Hunter Mansion & Park | 5300 N. Front Street, Harrisburg | 10:00am - 4:00pm
FREE

Welcome fall with a festival celebrating the old-time ways of life. Visitors will find arts and crafts, children's games and activities, historic demonstrations and exhibits, entertainment, a bake sale, festival food trucks, and more!

Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun-filled day together at Fort Hunter.

Celebrate Wildwood

Wildwood Park | 100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg | 11:00am - 4:00pm
FREE

Help celebrate Wildwood Park with a nature-themed afternoon! Learn about butterflies, birds and more. Participate in pumpkin painting, children's crafts, live musical entertainment and guided walks. Walk the Delta Boardwalk and engage in a fall-themed Storywalk. There's something for the whole family!

Braver Angels Workshop

Saturday, October 28, 2023 | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

In response to Grace's Strategic Plan, a Braver Angels workshop will be held at Grace on Saturday, October 28. We hope that there will be a sizable turnout from the church; but many of you may have questions. Who are the Braver Angels? What do they do? And, perhaps more importantly why should I go?

Today, many Americans not only differ politically, but see the other side as an enemy whose beliefs threaten America. Braver Angels was founded in 2016, in response to this growing rift between Americans of different political persuasions. Their answer to this conundrum has been to develop programs to repair "citizen-to-citizen relationships...as well as (make) meaningful changes in the rules and practices of many of our major institutions."

Mark you calendars for this event and stay tuned for more information.

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.**

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