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**NEWSPAPER TREATMENT**

**CALENDAR - March 3 - 9**

**Friday**

Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor .....6:30 a.m.  
Stewardship—Stafford .....9:00 a.m.  
NA Home Group—Stafford Room .....11:00 p.m.

**Saturday**

Suzuki—Auditorium .....8:30 a.m.  
NA All Day Event/Dance—Fellowship Hall..1:00 p.m.  
Worship—Chapel .....6:00 p.m.

**Lent 1**

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17**  
**2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

Worship—Nave ..... 7:45 a.m.  
Kyrie Bells—Balcony .....8:30 a.m.  
Christian Formation .....9:00 a.m.  
Worship—Nave .....10:30 a.m.  
Matu—Chapel .....1:00 p.m.  
Concert / "DUO CHIAROSCURO" - Nave .....3:00 p.m.  
NA—Fellowship Hall.....7:00 p.m.

**Monday**

Staff Meeting—Parlor .....10:00 a.m.  
Dramability—Auditorium .....5:00 p.m.  
Gloria Bell—Balcony .....6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Tuesdays for Teachers.....6:30 p.m.  
Ed Building Steering—Library .....6:30 p.m.  
Lanc. Flute Ensemble—Fellowship Hall .....7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall .....5:30 p.m.  
Sanctus Bells—Balcony.....6:30 p.m.  
Hope & Caring—Office .....7:00 p.m.

**Thursday**

Grace Choir—Auditorium .....7:15 p.m.  
Band Practice—Stafford Room .....8:30 p.m.

To view monthly events go to our website  
[www.gracelutheranchurch.com](http://www.gracelutheranchurch.com)  
click on the calendar link at the top of the page.



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**Attendance**

**Worship 21 / 37 / 109 = 167**  
**Sunday School 110**



**GreenAmerica.org**

**10 Ways to Build Community**

Community relationships, when built with care and concern for the good of the commons, offer a comforting, nourishing, and collegial safety net when times get tough.

**3) Time Banks**—Organized tools to exchange time are emerging as an excellent local way to share resources with others nearby.

This model is built on the sharing economy where time, or the “person-hour,” is used as currency.

Members receive and provide gifts of time and talent with other members of the exchange. The banking software “tracks” your hours and allows you to access someone else on a need that you have: typical time-banking activities include house-painting, moving, home improvement, gardening, babysitting, elder care, computer advice, and other similar tasks. You can even volunteer to teach a skill, like carpentry and knitting, or a language.



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**Music at Grace**

**Our first spring, 2017 concert . . is Sun., Mar. 5, 3:00 pm**

"DUO CHIAROSCURO" is the pairing of cellist, Sara Male, and pianist, Maria Corley. The duo enjoys bringing new music to the public. They will premiere a new piece by Franklin and Marshall professor, John Carbon, "Ragtime-Tango," and representing now retired Millersville University professor, Sy Brandon, will play his "Grassroots."

Also featured are works by African-American composers: "Aria" by Leslie Adams, and spirituals arranged by Lawrence Brown. Familiar works by Granados, Casals, Faure, Bartok, and even Adele round out this intriguing program.

Sara Male plays with the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, teaches at Franklin and Marshall College and at Millersville University, and is a founding member of the Newstead Trio. Maria Corley has also played with the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra and with Allegro Chamber Orchestra, is known both as a solo and collaborative artist, is a published author, and is choir director at St. Thomas Episcopal Church!



**"With New Voices" – Adult Study**

**A Lenten Journey through Luther's Small Catechism**

Our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has written that Lutherans have an important and traditional way of communicating faith from generation to generation. Since the time of the Reformation, Martin Luther's Small Catechism has been, and continues to be, a central part of faith formation in our families and our congregations.

Bishop Eaton has invited all of us across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to study the catechism in this 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation anniversary year, which she points out is a very good time for adults to look again at the basics of the faith.

Here at Grace a six-week study of the Small Catechism will be led by Bishop Main and Pastor Verkouw. It will take place Sunday mornings throughout the Lenten season, beginning on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and concluding on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Sessions will be held from 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM in the auditorium.

The study will consider the time in which Luther lived, wrote, and preached. Together the group will look at and reflect upon our basic statements of faith and our sacraments: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Whether you remember memorizing Luther's explanations in his catechism from your childhood or come to it with new eyes, this course offers an opportunity to talk about the breadth and depth of the faith held by Lutherans and other Christians throughout the world. You are encouraged to make it a part of your Lenten journey.

## Growing in Grace...Generation to Generation!



Thanks to so many folks who brought their time and good ideas together for a great kickoff weekend for our Campaign!! 110 people enjoyed a pancake breakfast, a short video by our youth, a presentation by Pastor Renee Liabraaten and a talent show featuring children and adults from our congregation. If you were unable to attend, we're sorry about that, but you can catch up by grabbing your campaign informational packet in the fellowship hall during the week or when you come to worship soon.

### The next important dates to remember are:

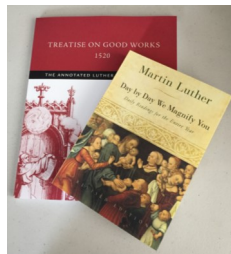
- **March 18th** - Our Leadership Dinner to celebrate and thank those who are in positions of leadership at Grace and those who are willing to make an early pledge of any size to build momentum.
- **April 1st and 2nd** - Commitment weekend when we all join together in making whatever pledge we are able. Festive refreshments will be served following all of our services.
- **May 6th and 7th** - The Celebration of Gifts during worship services.

Meanwhile, if you have questions after reviewing the campaign material, please contact Rosalyn Ward or Pastor Verkouw.

## Transfiguration—The Children Preparing to Bury the Alleluia!



## Reformation 500 and Spark Book Fairs!



### Reformation 500 Book Store Sunday March 19 & 26th in the Narthex

Books are 50% off with free shipping. A full list of available books will be available on our website and at the bookstore display. For additional information contact Angie at [graceelcaapd@gmail.com](mailto:graceelcaapd@gmail.com)

### Spark Book Fair Sunday March 19 & 26th also in the Narthex

All of the books are discounted with free shipping.



## Grace Youth LAST Reminder!

### March 19 - Escape Room

Permission slips must be returned to the office by March 12 or you will be unable to participate!

## Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

**Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week:** Betty Jane Igou, Muriel Lepley

**Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers:** Sue Albertson, Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, Shirley Brady, John Byers, Dolores Byers, Ron Coyle, Jerri Crooms, Judy DeWitsky, Rose Fasig, Ruth Galebach, Harriet Good, Josephine Good, Jennie Hanna, George & Judy Hansalik, Dick Herr, Ellen Hines, Phyllis Jackson, Eleanor Kelley, Devin Krautsack, Chuck Long, Pat Long, Augusta Madenford, Betty Mahler, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Barbara Music, Mike Ober, Myrna Pierson, Mark Powell, George Ries, Jean Schuam, Catherine Schnader, Dave Schober, Jay Smoker, Lorraine Steele, Harvey Stewart, Pat Stewart, Pat Suter, Judy Sweigart, Gene Tabbutt, Larry Tyger, Carolyn Wenger, Janet Wood

## OUR NEW WEBSITE - [www.gracelutheranchurch.com](http://www.gracelutheranchurch.com) - HAS BEEN LAUNCHED!



HOME WORSHIP MINISTRIES ABOUT DIRECTORY



Special thanks to Meghan Kelly, Angie Smith, and Pastor Verkouw for their tireless work in creating our new website.

In order to access the new directory, please call the office with your email address and we will send you the log in instructions.

Those who have already submitted this information have received an email from ICON.

If you are having difficulty logging in, please contact Angie Smith at 397-2748

## Stewardship Snippets

### March 5, 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, Year A)

“But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.”-

### Romans 5:15



*Stewardship is the proper care and use of all the gifts God gives us. In the verse above, Paul twice refers to God's mercy through Jesus a “free gift,” and in the full Romans passage for today he uses the phrase “free gift” five times! Do you think he wanted us to get the message? How do we best use and care for God's “free gift” of mercy and grace through Jesus? Isn't it by living with joy, gratitude and love, and modeling mercy and grace in our own lives?*



**Grace Church Picnic  
Fellowship, Food, Fun & Games for All!  
Grace Church Picnic!  
Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.  
Long's Park Pavilion #2**

