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NEWSPAPER TREATMENT

CALENDAR - March 10-16

Friday

Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor6:30 a.m.
NA Home Group—Stafford Room11:00 p.m.

Saturday

Suzuki—Auditorium8:30 a.m.
Worship—Chapel6:00 p.m.

Lent 2

Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

Worship—Nave 7:45 a.m.
Blood Pressures—Kitchen8:30 a.m.
Kyrie Bells—Balcony8:30 a.m.
Christian Formation9:00 a.m.
Worship—Nave10:30 a.m.
Matu—Chapel1:00 p.m.
NA—Fellowship Hall.....7:00 p.m.
Welcome Team Training—Stafford7:30 p.m.

Monday

Staff Meeting—Parlor10:00 a.m.
Dramability—Auditorium5:00 p.m.
Gloria Bell—Balcony6:30 p.m.
Council—Stafford7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Book Group—Parlor7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Child Care Staff Mtg.—Parlor5:30 p.m.
Community Meal—Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.
Sanctus Bells—Balcony.....6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Grace Choir—Auditorium7:15 p.m.
Band Practice—Stafford Room8:30 p.m.

To view monthly events go to our website

www.gracelutheranchurch.com

click on the calendar link at the top of the page.



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Attendance

Ash Wed. 111
Worship 18 / 34 / 123 = 175

Sunday School 61



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.

4) Volunteering - Volunteering with a neighbor, hospital or clinic, community center, library, or nature center gives the volunteer a great sense of accomplishment, involvement, and fulfillment, and supports the community in many wonderful ways.

Consider what you may offer as a volunteer: tutoring, mentoring, language practice, literacy, skills development, legal aid, food bank coordination, and translation are some of the many ways in which you reach out to your community and become an integral part of it.



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"With New Voices" – Adult Study

A Lenten Journey through Luther's Small Catechism

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 5th and concluding on Palm Sunday, April 9th. 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.

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

Spark Book Fair

Sunday March 19 & 26th also in the Narthex

All of the books are discounted with free shipping.



Growing in Grace...Generation to Generation!

If you haven't already - Please remember to pick up your campaign informational packet in the Narthex when you come to worship. If you are unable to find your packet, please take one of the extras, or contact the church office at 397-2748.

The next important date to remember:

- 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. Please don't forget to RSVP to the church office at 397-2748 by March 10, 2017

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



OUR NEW WEBSITE - www.gracelutheranchurch.com



In order to access the member 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 should have received an email from ICON with their log in information.

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

If you would like to read Pastor Renee's sermon titled "In Our Hands", click on the Capital Campaign picture on the home page!

Grace Youth Lock In - April 28-29!



All youth in Confirmation and High School youth are invited.
(Friends are welcome)
Food, fun, fellowship! Manhunt, movies and more!
Looking for adult volunteers to help! Interested?
Contact Angie at Graceelcapd@gmail.com



Stewardship Snippets

March 12, 2017(2nd Sunday in Lent, Year A)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." -**John 3:16-17**



John 3:16 may be the world's best-known bible verse, but it always needs to be paired with the following verse, which gives it the proper context. All God does is out of love, and God's highest desire is to save the world. Jesus is both God's plan for salvation and God's means of salvation. What's the best way to live as God's loved and saved people?

Race Against Racism!

19 Years Running!
YWCA Race Against Racism
April 29, 2017

Join Team Grace on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the "Race Against Racism"!

Start/Finish: Musser Park, Lancaster City, PA

19 years running, this annual 5k run/walk through Historic Lancaster is the longest consecutive-running Race Against Racism in the United States, is a staple of our community and is a family-friendly way to take a stand against racism.

Join us on the walk, cheer us on along the way or celebrate with us at the finish!! Team Grace would love your support!



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



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

Easter Flowers

Easter Flower orders are due in the office by Sunday, April 2, 2017.

The cost is \$10.00. Please use the enclosed form which you may place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.



Thank you!



WHERE ELSE can your money earn a guaranteed 5% return these days?

Grocery cards are available by calling Duane and Kitty Weiss at 464-2536.

Members of Grace donated 181# of food goods to the Lancaster Council of Churches Food Bank during February. The food was collected in the shopping cart in the narthex and delivered to the Queen Street location of the Food Bank at the end of the month. **THANK YOU!**

Will there be that much at the end of March?
We'll see.

Fountain Flowers

Opportunities to share plants and flowers for the fountain will be available beginning Sunday, April 23 and continuing through June 4.

Families may buy plants and flowers to decorate the Fountain on the Sunday they choose, delivering them to church Saturday morning or afternoon, and following the Sunday services, take their plants home to be planted in their own garden.

Please call the church office @ 397-2748 with questions or to sign up for a Sunday.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

Grace Community Garden!



If you are at all interested in contributing ideas, manpower, or guidance towards our community garden initiative, please contact Karla Verkouw at kverkouw@gmail.com or 717-201-9788

