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Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor6:30 a.m. Youth Lock-In—Fellowship Hall6:00 p.m. NA Home Group—Stafford Room11:00 p.m.

CALENDAR - April 28-May 4

NEWSPAPER TREATMENT

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 for Worship

Worship 20 / 34 / 133 = 187 **Sunday School 58**

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

Easter Three

Friday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

Worship—Nave	7:45 a.m.
Kyrie Bells—Balcony	8:30 a.m.
Christian Formation Hour	9:00 a.m.
Worship—Nave	10:30 a.m.
Matu—Chapel	1:00 p.m.
Lanc. Flute Ensemble Concert—Nave	4:00 p.m.
NA—Fellowship Hall	7:00 p.m.

Monday

Staff Meeting—Parlor	10:00 a.m.
Dramability—Auditorium	5:00 p.m.
Gloria Bells—Balcony	6:30 p.m.
Child Care Board Mtg.—Parlor	7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Tuesday Bible Study—Stafford Room10:00 a.m	1.
Ed. Building Steering—Library6:30 p.m	1.
Lanc. Flute Ensemble—Fellowship Hall7:00 p.m	

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Sanctus Bells—Balcony	6:30 p.m.
Property Team—Stafford	7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Grace Choir Practice—Balcony	7:15 p.m.
Band Practice—Stafford Room	

15 Ways to Make Your Yard More Bird-Friendly

Habitat consists of landscape features that provide food, shelter, nesting locations and water.

Naturescaping is landscaping with a goal of mimicking nature to provide a resilient, beautiful landscape suited to your yard and your wild neighbors.

2. Research which plants are best suited to your vard

Look at similar natural areas nearby with similar amounts of light, moisture, and soil types and see what's growing and what birds are around. Aim for a wide diversity of plants and you will be rewarded with a diversity of birds, especially if your neighbors join your efforts or there are natural areas nearby. Before buying any plant, check what climate zone it's suited for, what it needs, how big it will grow, and whether it's invasive or spreads aggressively. The best time to start a garden is when the plants are dormant in early spring (though fall works for some varieties). This also allows them to get a start when the soil is still wet from winter/spring rains and snowmelt and before summer watering restrictions.



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Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. **Fellowship Hall**

Official Notice



Special thanks to all who participated in the "Spring Clean Up" day!











Lancaster County Flute Ensemble



The Lanc. Co. Flute Ensemble Concert ~ April 30, 2017 at 4:00 pm ~ Grace Lutheran

Selections include: The Heavens Declare by Benedetto Marcello, The Prayer by Carole Bayer Sager and David Forster, Scarborough Fair Traditional, Four Japanese Folk Songs by Robert L. Cathey, and

more

Guest Conductors: Dr. Debra Lenssen and Cherie DeWitt

Campaign Update!

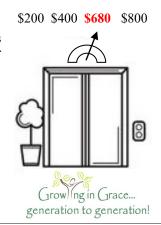
The growth continues! The Easter Season brings an infusion of joy to our weekly worship, and new pledges continue to arrive at the office... our weekly update of our *Growing in Grace...Generation to Generation* capital campaign, shows 143 members and friends of Grace have made commitments totaling nearly \$680,000 to support our building renovation efforts over the next three years!

We continue to accept gifts and pledges, and we encourage all who have not yet pledged your support of the campaign to do so, as you are able. We praise God for all of your generous and selfless contributions to make our worship and education space more accessible and accommodating as we continue to worship and serve Christ together in this special place.

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Rosalyn Ward, Campaign Chair

Pastor Verkouw



Upcoming Christian Formation Offerings

On Sunday, April 30th 9:15 am

"Making your wishes known"

Presented by Joan Groh of Hospice and Community Care of Lancaster.





Sunday morning class at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium resumes May 7th

"Together by Grace"

The amazing legacy of Luther and how it still inspires people, religions and churches today.

This study will be led by Barb Steinmetz.

Parking for Services and Special Events!

Due to the opening of the LGH Urgent Care, parking in the Pavilion Garage is no longer available.

Please follow the signs to the Owl Hill lot (Sunday & evenings only),
or the flat lot (former YMCA) (across from the LGH Garage entrance), both on the left side of Queen St.

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week: Dolores Byers, Ellen Hines, Dr. Robert Jenson, Pat Long, William Salzman, Pastor Fred Shilling, Betty Vaughn, Carolyn Wenger

Christian Sympathy is offered to...

Dear Members of Grace,

We give thanks for the life and witness of Betty Jane Igou, who died April 23rd. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her son Brad, her family, and friends. A funeral service is planned for Monday, May 1st at 11:00 a.m. here at Grace Church. Please keep Betty Jane's family in your prayers.

CPR Certification being offered...



CPR certification is being offered by Schreiber Pediatric, located at 625 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Tuesday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 397-2748.

Special thanks to Mindi Graver for helping to provide this training opportunity.

Stewardship Snippets

April 30, 2017 (3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A)

"O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD." Psalms 116:16, 17



We all rejoice that in our baptism the Holy One claims us as children and frees us from the bondage of sin. What can we possibly do in response for all God gives us? A thanksgiving sacrifice is the psalmist's answer. Are you giving a "sacrificial" offering to the church?

EWARDSHIP

What would that be for you?

Wanted: Grace Biographers



Do you enjoy writing? Learning about people and their formational life experiences?

We are looking for some people to write short biographies about some of our members to increase our connections with each other.

If interested, please contact Kathryn in the church office 397-2748 or at verkouw@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar!



Grace Church Picnic! Mark your calendar! Saturday, June 10, 2017 Long's Park at 4:00 p.m.

