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NEWSPAPER TREATMENT

CALENDAR - March 31—April 6

Friday

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

Saturday

NA Speaker Jam / Dance—Fellowship Hall ..1:00 p.m.
Worship—Chapel6:00 p.m.

Lent 5 - Commitment Sunday

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

Worship—Nave 7:45 a.m.
Kyrie Bells—Balcony8:30 a.m.
Christian Formation9:00 a.m.
Worship—Nave10:30 a.m.
Leadership—Parlor12:00 p.m.
Matu—Chapel1:00 p.m.
NA—Fellowship Hall.....7:00 p.m.

Monday

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

Tuesday

Ed Building Steering—Parlor6:30 p.m.
Lanc. Flute Ensemble— Fellowship Hall7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.
Sanctus Bells—Balcony.....6:30 p.m.
Property—Stafford7:00 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

Worship 21 / 43 / 108 = 172

Sunday School 61



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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.



8) Parent Teacher Organizations

The PTO, or sometimes the PTSA (Parent Teachers Student Association), provides standard ways to get involved with your children's school.

Typically duties include board and committee leadership positions for fundraising, activities, end-of-the-year events such as dances or festivals, and investments in the school's infrastructure and supplies. Meetings are typically monthly.

Find the schedule at your school website, or call the school office.



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Commitment Sunday! April 2, 2017

Growing in Grace... generation to generation

Dear Members and Friends of Grace,

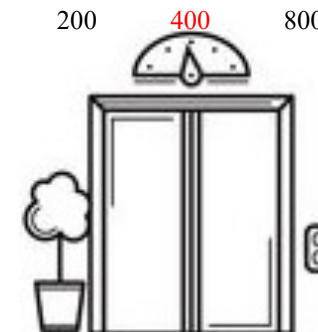
I write with a heart full of gratitude for the ministry we share and for the signs of excitement and commitment evident in the initial response to the capital campaign. A brief update: Combining the “seed funding” that was offered to begin the campaign two years ago with the pledges received at our Leadership Dinner and this week following, it is a joy to report that the initial pledges and gifts to the campaign, from 49 families and individuals, total \$420,000! We truly are well on our way! Thanks again to our leaders and early givers who have been able to generate this growing momentum, and thanks be to God who gives us gifts to share.

Very soon it will be time for the rest of us to offer a commitment to the campaign, in whatever measure we are able. If you have not done so already, please give some thought and prayer to this, and bring your pledge to one of our three services this weekend. We have carved out some time from our regular worship to lift up these commitments, to give thanks for the gifts we have from God and to offer them back to the Lord's service through the renovation work that is planned.

If you are not able to be at Grace this weekend, we will continue to “follow up,” as they say! Our goal is for everyone to contribute AS YOU ARE ABLE, in proportion to your income and/or savings. Some of us may only be able to help now and then...if so, your pledge to do so is STILL IMPORTANT! And perhaps your income is very limited and you can only offer your prayers. This, according to scripture is also the “treasure” of the heart's response to God's love. If we are all PRAYING FOR THE CAMPAIGN, it will succeed in 200 400 800 whatever way the Lord intends it. May God continue bless and inspire us with generous hearts, and a deepening commitment to the ministry of grace that we share at Grace!

May the peace of Christ be with you always -

Pastor Verkouw



Holy Week at Grace - April 9 - 16



Palm Sunday April 9

7:45 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Services in the Nave



Maundy Thursday April 13

12 noon in the St. Peter Chapel / 7:00 p.m. in the Nave



Good Friday April 14

7 a.m. Stations of the Cross & Breakfast / Meet in St. Peter Chapel
12 Noon Cross Walk / First Baptist Church, 612 N Duke St, Lancaster
7 p.m. Service in the Nave



Easter Vigil April 15

6 p.m. begins in the church-yard; continues in the Nave



Easter Sunday April 16

7:45 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Services in the Nave

Additional details to follow in the next Grace News!



Stewardship Snippets

April 2, 2017 (5th Sunday in Lent, Year A)

“I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.” **Ezekiel 37:14**



Life. Quality life. Good life. Full life. God's best life for us. This is what stewardship is all about -- how we are using all that God has given us in order to have a life that is full of God! Ezekiel tells how God took dry, dead bones and filled them with life. When do you feel dead? What parts of you seem dead or dying? God promises to fill you with the Holy Spirit and you will live!

STEWARDSHIP



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



Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week: Judy Hansalik, Betty Jane Igou, Pat Long, Marianne Nolt, Bonnie Ries, Pastor Fred Shilling, Betty Vaughn

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 Hansalik, Dick Herr, Ellen Hines, Phyllis Jackson, Eleanor Kelley, Devin Krautsack, Muriel Lepley, Chuck 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.

Grocery Cards!



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

Grocery cards are available every Sunday morning or by calling Duane and Kitty Weiss at 464-2536.

*Please note***
Grocery Cards will not be available on Easter Sunday—April 16

Race Against Racism!



Join team “GraceLutheran” on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the “Race Against Racism”!

Start/Finish: Musser Park, Lancaster City, PA

To register for the race visit ywcalancaster.org/RaceAgainstRacism

Adults \$30.00 / Children 14 and under \$12.00

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

Memorial Service

The family of Jennie Baker would like to invite you to her memorial service on April 6th at 10:00 a.m.

The service will be held in the Chapel of the Good Samaritan, Luther Acres, 400 St Luke Dr., Lititz, PA 17543



Fountain Flowers

Opportunities to share plants and flowers for the fountain will be available beginning Sunday, April 23 and continuing through May 28.

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.