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**NEWSPAPER TREATMENT**

**CALENDAR - May 5—11**

**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.  
 Worship—Chapel .....6:00 p.m.  
 NA Dance—Fellowship Hall .....9:00 p.m.

**Easter Four**

**Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23**  
**1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10**

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.  
 VBS Meeting—Fellowship Hall .....12:00 p.m.  
 Matu—Chapel .....1:00 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.  
 Finance—Stafford .....7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Tuesday Bible Study—Stafford Room .....10:00 a.m.  
 Book Group—Parlor .....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**

Dramability—Auditorium .....7:15 p.m.  
 Grace Choir Practice—Balcony .....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 for Worship**

**Worship 18 / 40 / 126 = 184**  
**Sunday School 48**

**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.

**3. Remember that native species are best**

Native plants have adapted to your area over thousands of years. If you plant these in your yard and water them weekly during the first dry season, chances are they will survive very well with little maintenance after that.

Study your yard and learn which plants are native to your area that you can conserve, and which are invasive and may be best removed to make room for a greater diversity of more useful plants. The Audubon Society maintains a list of native plants searchable by postal code. You can also locate native plant nurseries by state with this handy list.

<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>



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**Official Notice**



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



**Creation! By artist: Debra Navitski - written by Donna Weidman**

**A special gift from the artist! Check it out! It is hanging in the hallway by the pulpit.**



How the donation to Grace happened: Deb Navitski, Faith Martin, & I (Donna Weidman) went to high school together. We reconnected at a class reunion a couple of years ago, and in December, we met up with her & another classmate for lunch & to see her art show in a gallery in Lititz. We loved all of her artwork, but we were especially impressed with her Creation painting. Since she knew that Faith & I go to the same church & that Faith works with the youth, she mentioned that if it did not sell during this show, she may donate it to our church, as she felt it belonged in a church setting. When the show closed recently, we met for lunch again, & she gave us her very kind donation!

Background on Deb: She's been painting since she was 10 years old. She was encouraged by her elementary art teacher, Ms. Fetter, when she entered her work in a Christmas card contest & she won 2nd prize. She also credits her high school art teacher, Mr. Miller, for encouraging her. However, before retirement, she worked at RR Donnelly as one of the first 50 women to become a journeyman there, & she worked as a color corrector/etcher, correcting original art work to printing specifications. She mainly does paintings for friends, wedding gifts, paintings of pets, etc., but since retirement she's taken the next step to exhibiting some of her work. Besides painting, she likes to garden, travel, & raise & show French bulldogs. She's shown her dogs at Westminster & various other shows & they often place in the shows.

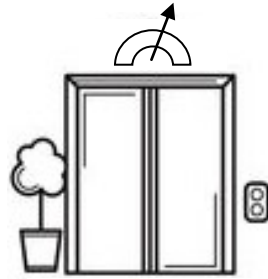
Her inspiration for this painting: She said her inspiration for this particular painting had actually been developing for some time, however, how to present it in an understandable fashion was the problem.. She wanted it to depict the Bible story as she envisioned it as a child; the most innocent interpretation. She said, "Once I started on the project, I could not stop. It took about a month to complete. I always had on my mind that the painting belonged in a Sunday school/church setting, so I am glad it has a loving home."

## 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 190 members and friends of Grace have made commitments totaling nearly \$688,000 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.

\$200 \$400 **\$688** \$800



*Growing in Grace...*  
generation to generation!

Rosalyn Ward, Campaign Chair

Pastor Verkouw

## Stewardship Snippets

**May 7, 2017** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A)

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. —Acts 2:44, 45

*It's been said that stewardship depends on generosity. But the first Christian community was beyond mere generosity. They relinquished all sense of private ownership, instead holding property in common and sharing so that everyone had enough. What could inspire such a radical generosity? The answer is in the verses just before and after this excerpt (Acts 2:42 and 46).*



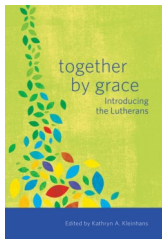
**STEWARDSHIP** *How is your community's prayer and fellowship life?*

## Together By Grace returns Sunday May 7

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.



## 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



## 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

**Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers:** Sue Albertson, Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, Franklin Santana Bonilla, Shirley Brady, John Byers, Ron Coyle, Jerri Crooms, Judy DeWitsky, Rose Fasig, Ruth Galebach, Harriet Good, Josephine Good, Jennie Hanna, George & Judy Hansalik, Dick Herr, Phyllis Jackson, Eleanor Kelley, Devin Krautsack, 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, Janet Wood

## CPR Certification being offered...



We are looking for 10 church members for CPR certification to help with possible emergencies during worship services. It is being offered on Tuesday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 397-2748. Thank you!

## Mark Your Calendar! Sign Up in the Narthex!



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

**A-M Please bring a dessert!**  
**N-Z Please bring a salad!**

**If you would like to help with this event, please call Joyce Loiseau at 898-3882.**

## 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.

## Keep Collecting!

**Dear "Plastic Lid Collectors" and Friends of Grace,**



Let's help the women of Bergstrasse Lutheran, Ephrata who are beginning to collect caps for their own recycled bench!