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**NEWSPAPER TREATMENT**

**CALENDAR - May 12-18**

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

Worship—Chapel .....6:00 p.m.  
Dramability Spring Show—Auditorium .....7:30 p.m.

**Easter Five**

Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

Worship—Nave ..... 7:45 a.m.  
Blood Pressures—Kitchen .....8:30 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.  
NA—Fellowship Hall.....7:00 p.m.

**Monday**

Staff Meeting—Parlor .....10:00 a.m.  
Gloria Bells—Balcony .....6:30 p.m.  
Council—Stafford .....7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Tuesday Bible Study—Stafford Room .....10:00 a.m.  
Lanc. Co. Flute Ensemble—Fellowship Hall .7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Child Care Staff Mtg.—Parlor .....5:30 p.m.  
Community Meal—Fellowship Hall .....5:30 p.m.  
Sanctus Bells—Balcony.....6:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

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 20 / 39 / 131 = 190  
Sunday School 61

**15 Ways to Make Your Yard More Bird-Friendly**

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

**4. Aim for plants with flowers, berries, or seeds**

Many flowers transform into a winter food source for birds, providing seed-heads ripe with seasonal bounty. Before deadheading your spent plants, consider leaving the seeds for the birds. Similarly, if you plant berry bushes that keep fruit into the winter, birds will appreciate your efforts. Here are just a few recommended plants with delicious, long-lasting berries.

**Recommended Berry-Producing Plants and Shrubs**

**Native species:** Winterberry holly (deciduous, native to east coast), wild roses, pin or choke cherries, high bush cranberry, Oregon grape, salal, evergreen huckleberry, blueberries, Saskatoon berry, juniper, Pacific dogwood.

**Non-native species:** Russian olive, domestic cherry trees, Tatarian dogwood, cotoneaster, Amur Privet, firethorn, Multiflora rose, nannyberry, weigela, American bittersweet, grapes, crab apples.



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**Official Notice**



**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Annual Reports will be mailed next week!**



**Grace Church Youth Lock In!**



**Fun, Food, Faith, and Service!**



## Campaign Update!

The growth *continues to continue!* This past week brought more than \$5,000 of new pledges arriving at the office... our weekly update of our *Growing in Grace... Generation to Generation* capital campaign, shows 193 members and friends of Grace have made commitments totaling nearly \$693,000 to support our building renovation efforts over the next three years... Let us be thankful and glad!

We are getting close to our monetary goal, but just as important is the goal of everyone's participation, however you are able. So far 35 have promised "to support as we are able." If you have not returned a pledge form, please consider joining those who are supporting the campaign for our renovations in some way, as we serve Christ together in this special place.

Rosalyn Ward, Campaign Chair

Pastor Verkouw

\$200 \$400 **\$693** \$800

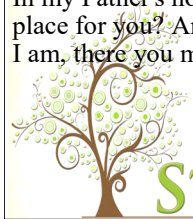


## Stewardship Snippets

**May 14, 2017** (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A)

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. —**John 14:2, 3**

*Good stewardship of our lives involves living boldly in Christ. How differently would you live if you knew you could not fail, if you knew the end result? Well, Jesus tells us the ultimate outcome of our lives – we will live forever with him. So there's no reason to hold back. How daring can you live?*



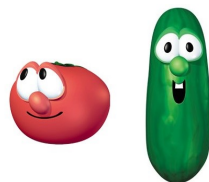
## Deborah Elizabeth Circle - Luther Acres - May 16

The Deborah/Elizabeth Circle will revisit the closing chapters of St. Paul's letter to the Galatians this month. The group will also reflect upon the devotional stories in "You Are Not Alone", an article in the May issue of the Gather magazine. Gather is the award-winning publication of the Women of the ELCA and reaches over 100,000 Lutheran women and women in our full-communion partner churches. You are invited to join us on Tuesday, May 16th at 10:30 AM in the Round in the Muhlenberg Building at Luther Acres for a time of conversation and Bible study. At about 11:30, we will conclude with lunch together. For further information about the circle meeting, or the Gather magazine, please contact Joyce Saeger or Carol Main.

## VEGGIE TALES! VBS June 11 - 14 For ages 3 through grade 5



Join us for the fun!  
Vacation Bible School  
June 11-14  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
In the Auditorium!



If you are interested in helping ... please contact Angie at [graceelcaapd@gmail.com](mailto:graceelcaapd@gmail.com) or call the church office at 397-2748

## 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, Linda Semler, 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, William Salzman, Jean Schuam, Catherine Schnader, Dave Schober, Jay Smoker, Lorraine Steele, Harvey Stewart, Pat Stewart, Pat Suter, Judy Sweigart, Gene Tabbutt, Janet Wood

## A Special Thank You!



I want to thank those who remembered me during my recent hospital stay with prayers, and cards. Also thanks to Pastor Verkouw's for his visits. I appreciated one & all.

Blessings, Bonnie Ries



Grocery cards are available every Sunday morning or by calling

Duane and Kitty Weiss at 464-2536.

## BLANKET WORK DAY - MAY 18

We will meet at 11am to 2pm on Thursday, May 18, in Fellowship Hall to work on blankets for Lutheran World Relief. We hope to have about 38 finished in all. If we purchase more fleece, we should be able to make at least 40-45 by the October Ingathering. These blankets go to assist those in need around the world--refugee camps, hospitals, etc. The Youth Group finished one of these for us - thanks to those who helped. Maybe they would be willing to do more in the future. We will have a beautiful variety on display Ingathering Sunday.

We also are working on Project Linus blankets for toddlers. Thanks to Carl Hartman and Pat Oberholtzer for the children's fleece. Pearl Sieber and Marylu Tyger are working on these at home; but there will be a few available on May 18 to finish, so we can send them off to our Lititz contact. The borders are done differently, as we use only one piece of fleece. These blankets go locally to groups who serve children and youth in trauma--blankets are needed for infants to 18 year-olds.

Thanks to all those who are helping with these projects. --Barbara Slotter, ph. #300-0710.

## 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-J Please bring a dessert! K-Z Please bring a salad!**  
**If you would like to help with this event, please call Joyce Loiseau at 898-3882.**