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**NEWSPAPER TREATMENT**

**CALENDAR - June 16-22**

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

Graduation Party—Fellowship Hall .....2:00 p.m.  
Worship—Chapel .....6:00 p.m.

**Pentecost 2**

**Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100**

**Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]**

Worship—Nave ..... 7:45 a.m.  
Adult 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—Office .....10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday**

Tutoring Session—Stafford Room .....10:00 a.m.  
Dramability—Auditorium .....6:00 p.m.  
Book Group—Parlor .....6:45 p.m.  
Lanc. Flute Group .....7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall .....5:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

Dramability—Auditorium .....6:00 p.m.

**To view monthly events go to our website**

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**Attendance for Worship**

**Picnic & Worship 80 / 40 / 123 = 243**  
**Sunday 32**

**Backyard Vegetable Garden**  
**([EARTHEASY.COM](http://EARTHEASY.COM))**

**Garden Layout: siting and size**

Ideally, a backyard vegetable garden should contribute to your family's well-being without taking too much of your scarce free time. This can be achieved with a little planning to get started out right, and a commitment to low-maintenance organic methods which save time and ensure a healthy garden year after year.

Whether you are growing a single bed for salad greens or a multiple bed "backyard food factory", the following tips should be considered before you start digging.

**garden size** - the size you choose for your vegetable garden will be determined by the amount of available space and the amount of energy you wish to commit to the project. Even a 100 sq.ft. garden, grown intensively, can produce a steady supply of salad greens for a family.

Our backyard garden is 20' x 25' (500 sq. ft.), and this is an ideal size which provides a variety of vegetables for a family of four, with enough extra to share with neighbors.

***Next week ... orientation and shade!***



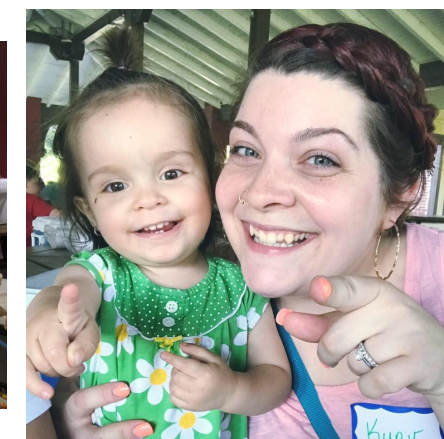
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**Grace Church Picnic**



**Many thanks to  
everyone who  
helped in making  
the church picnic  
a fun day!**

**Joyce Loiseau**



Pictured clockwise from left: Matthew Lisse, Denny Maharg, Lindsay Bisignani, Joél Villa Vuerte, Esther Verkouw, Joyce Loiseau, Daisy Cisneros, Kyrie Cisneros, Kathryn & Pastor Verkouw, Lochlan Mumma, Lily Cisneros, Lily Maharg, and Johnathan Maharg



## Lutheran World Relief

Over the summer we will again be collecting items for Personal Care and School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Ingathering for 2017 is October 7/8. We are printing the items needed now, so you will have them when Back-to-School Savings begin. **Loose items and the specified-size bath towel** will be collected from now until the Ingathering. Please put these items at the closet right inside the door in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex. See the lists below. In September we will have towels and school bags available for you to fill. **Extra bars of soap are also needed.** These are shipped separately.

### Starting with a Bath

When natural disaster strikes or political conflict flares, families often have little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger. They arrive in a refugee camp, or other place of safety, scared, vulnerable and dirty from travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away dirt and sweat with the fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel, reminders of someone's care and concern for them in their plight. Last year our Personal Care Kits went to El Salvador.

### What's needed in each Personal Care Kit:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping (or we can use 3 bars of 3 oz. soap)
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs), remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

### Give a Child the Opportunity to Go to School

Education is important for every community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases adults – continue learning despite the hardships they face. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. Last year our School Kits went to Jordan and El Salvador.

### What's needed in each School Kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

If you wish to donate for towels, school backpacks, loose items for kits, or fleece for blankets, put your gift on the offering plate, marked "For Grace Church's Lutheran World Relief Group." Money goes into one fund, so we can distribute it where we need it.

We also continue to work on fleece blankets - we usually meet in Fellowship Hall once a month; others work at home or do both—remember, it is “God’s Work—Our Hands.” Many hands are needed!

Barbara Slotter @ 342-2654  
or 300-0710



Lutheran World Relief



**Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week:** Ellen Hines, Dr. Robert Jenson, Pastor Fred Shilling,

**Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers:** Sue Albertson, Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, Shirley Brady, John & Dolores Byers, Ron Coyle, Jerri Crooms, Judy DeWitsky, Rose Fasig, Ruth Galebach, Josephine Good, Jennie Hanna, George & Judy Hansalik, Dick Herr, Phyllis Jackson, Eleanor Kelley, Devin Krautsack, Pat Long, 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, Linda Semler, Jay Smoker, Lorraine Steele, Harvey Stewart, Pat Stewart, Pat Suter, Judy Sweigart, Gene Tabbutt, Carolyn Wenger, Janet Wood



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



### **“10 Commandments of the Heart” Starting Sunday June 18 in the Auditorium 9:00 a.m.**

Are the Ten Commandments just a set of rules or are they a way of life? How does each one call us to reflect on our life and values? What does it mean to love God and our neighbor in a world where violence, greed, and fear threaten our lives, our values, our hearts? Joan Chittister answers these and other questions. Each chapter focuses on what one of the commandments means for us today. The final two shed light on the two Great Commandments, "Love God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself."



**Please mark your calendars  
and save the date for these very special events!**

## Reformation 500

Reformation Day 500 – October 29, 2017  
Special Observances at Grace

Reformation Fair Intergenerational Event at 9:00 AM  
German-Themed Congregational Meal following the 10:30 AM Service

*Hymn Festival at Church of the Good Shepherd at 4:00 PM  
750 Greenfield Road Lancaster, PA 17601  
Choir Rehearsal – Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM*

### **June 18, 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year A)**

*“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.” –*

**Romans 5:1,2**



Read the Bible verses again and point out the spiritual gifts we have received from God. First, there's our justification (or salvation) through faith, then peace, grace, and finally hope. Wow, those are pretty big gifts! Spend a moment in silent prayer meditating on the gifts. Breathe deeply and think these phrases: Thank you, God, for salvation. Thank you, God, for peace. Thank you, God, for grace. Thank you, God, for Hope. Repeat and repeat!

## STEWARDSHIP