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**CALENDAR - June 2 - 8**

**Friday**

Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor .....6:30 a.m.  
 Stewardship—Stafford .....9:00 a.m.  
 Wedding Rehearsal—Nave .....5:00 p.m.  
 NA Home Group—Stafford Room .....11:00 p.m.

**Saturday**

Wedding—Nave .....4:30 p.m.  
 Worship—Chapel .....6:00 p.m.  
 NA Dance—Fellowship Hall .....9:00 p.m.

**Pentecost**

**Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**  
**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23**

Worship—Nave ..... 7:45 a.m.  
 Christian Formation Hour ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Confirmation Projects—Fellowship Hall .....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**

Tuesday Bible Study—Stafford Room .....10:00 a.m.  
 Book Group—Parlor .....6:30 p.m.  
 Ed. Building Steering—Library .....6:30 p.m.  
 Lanc. Flute Ensemble—Fellowship Hall .....7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

Finance—Stafford Room .....7:00 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 / 33 / 134 = 187

Sunday 24

**The benefits of reducing lawn size ...**

Converting your lawn to a mixed landscape can save water and energy, while reducing yard waste and the need for fertilizers and herbicides.

- **reduced water consumption** - Turf requires two to three times the water of a sustainable mixed landscape.
- **saves time and energy** on lawn maintenance
- **less yard waste** to be composted or taken to a landfill - **a 2000 sq ft lawn produces 600-800 pounds of clippings** per summer on average
- **reduction in use of herbicides**, pesticides and synthetic fertilizers
- **reduction in air and noise pollution** caused by gas mowers - lawns cover 20 million acres of residential land in the US, and lawnmowers account for 5% of the air pollution. **A 3.5 hp lawnmower pollutes as much in one hour as an automobile driving 350 miles.**
- **enhanced biodiversity** - varied plantings offer shelter and feeding opportunities for wildlife
- **increased property values** - attractive, low-maintenance landscaping adds value to the home



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**Please join us on Sunday, June 4th for the Feast of Pentecost.**



Our confirmands will present their projects in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.  
 At 10:30 we will observe the Rite of Confirmation for the following youth:

- Samuel Hershey - son of Trevor & Linda Lee Hershey
- Nicholas Koser - son of David & Alana Koser
- Catherine McMahan - daughter of Janine McMahan
- Brennan Maharg - son of John Maharg and Carrie Maharg
- Timothy Verkouw - Son of Pastor & Kathryn Verkouw

**Please joins us to support and welcome them as newly confirmed members of our Grace family!**

**Highlights from our Annual Congregational Meeting ...**

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting of the congregation on May 21. In accord with our Constitution and Bylaws, this is the time each year when we affirm and elect our leadership, and express our thanks to those who are ending a term of serving.

This year we thank outgoing Board chairs and council members: Dale Dombach who ends his term as chair of the Board of Trustees; and Bruce Linton, who ends his term as chair of Congregational and Pastoral Care. We thank John Saeger who ends a three-year term developing and chairing our Leadership Development Team, deepening our process from simply nominating new leaders to very deliberately recruiting new people for many levels of leadership at Grace. Our thanks to Dale, Bruce and John for their years of servant leadership!

We are also grateful to those who answered the call of the Leadership Development Team to be nominated this year: Kim Burke, Robert Durand, Mindi Graver, Doug Halter and Marilyn Hoffman are elected to one-year terms as council members at large, while Joyce Loiseau becomes the new chair of our Board of Congregational and Pastoral Care, and Faith Martin continues as the chair of our Board of Ministries. Mindi Graver will serve as council liaison to the Board of Worship, and we continue to seek a new leader for the Board of Trustees.

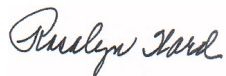
The congregation also approved two large expenditures from our reserve funds. Council had recommended the expense of \$32,725 for architects' fees for design development work to refine the scope and scale of the project for accessibility and renovations to the basement level of the church, which was approved with two abstentions. And Council had recommended the expense of up to \$40,000 as a loan to LHANDS to begin a project of acquisition, renovation and resale of the home of a family who are part of our life at Grace who have fallen on hard times. The project aims to restore the home for resale to another, recovering the home from the City's process of taking the home under the blighted property ordinance, preserving part of the equity for the family of the current owner. There will be more detail about this project as the details develop, and the expenditure is subject to additional approval by the Council.

In addition, the congregation approved minutes of previous meetings and reviewed and highlighted Treasurer, Board and Committee reports from the previous year.

## Campaign Update!

The growth *continues to continue!* This past week brought more new pledges to 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 \$713,000 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 **\$713** \$800



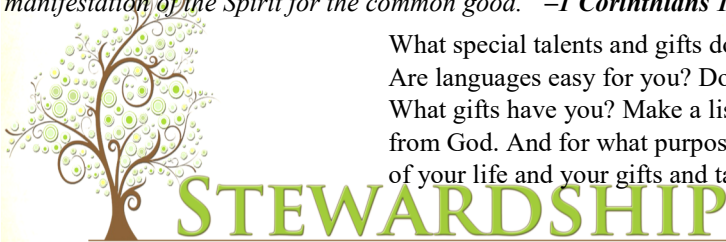
*Growing in Grace...*  
generation to generation!

## Stewardship Snippets

**June 4, 2017** (Pentecost Sunday)

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." -1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

What special talents and gifts do you have? Are you good in math? Are languages easy for you? Do you relate well to people? Can you fix things? What gifts have you? Make a list of them. Paul says all our talents are gifts from God. And for what purpose? For the common good! You are the steward of your life and your gifts and talents. Are you making the most of them?



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



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

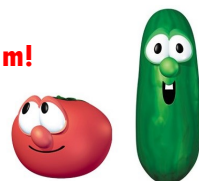
**A-J Please bring a dessert! K-Z Please bring a salad! (8-10 servings please)**

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

## VEGGIE TALES! VBS June 11 - 14 For ages 4 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:** 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, Ellen Hines, 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

## New Addresses ...



Judy Sweigart  
1001 E Oregon Rd, Aspen Box 5  
Littiz, PA 17543

Ruth Galebach  
400 St Luke Dr., Room 123  
Lititz, PA 17543

## Stock up on Grocery Cards !



**Grocery cards are available every Sunday morning or by calling ...**

**Duane and Kitty Weiss at 464-2536.**

## Musicians in Worship, Summer 2017!

If you or someone in your family would like to sing or play an instrument in summer worship (prelude, offertory music) please sign the sheet posted at balcony steps nearest church office. You may also send an e-mail to: [murrayforegracelutheranchurch.com](mailto:murrayforegracelutheranchurch.com)



## Hymn Festival - Good Shepherd

Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
750 Greenfield Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601

Rehearsal—Saturday, Oct. 28 at 10:00 a.m.

## Blanket Day June 15 / Ingathering October 7 & 8

Our next blanket work day will be Thursday, June 15, from 11am to 2pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be working on blankets for this year's Lutheran World Relief Ingathering. The dates this year are October 7 & 8.

Those who are working at home continue to work on the toddler blankets for our local Project Linus, which gives blankets to children who have suffered trauma or who are in need of a comforting blanket. Cindy Garcia and Joanne McSparren are two new people who want to learn how to make blankets, either at home or at church. Anyone else interested? I will be showing Cindy how to make them on a coming Sunday morning and would welcome others who cannot come for the work days.

In an upcoming "Grace News", we will print the items needed for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care and School Kits. One hundred backpacks have been ordered to fill with the needed supplies. We have received \$300 from the grocery card fund run by Duane & Kitty Weiss to purchase the backpacks, towels, and other items needed to fill kits. We also hope to purchase fleece for our blankets. Last year our quilts went to India; School Kits to El Salvador and Jordan, and Personal Care Kits to El Salvador.

Thank you everyone for keeping these projects going!

Barbara Slotter, 342-2654 or cell 300-0710