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NEWSPAPER TREATMENT

CALENDAR - October 20—26

Friday

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

Saturday

Fall Clean Up—All Campus8:30 a.m.
Worship—Chapel6:00 p.m.

Pentecost 20

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

Worship—Nave 7:45 a.m.
Kyrie Bells—Balcony8:30 a.m.
Christian Formation Hour 9:00 a.m.
Worship—Nave10:30 a.m.
Youth Gathering Mtg.—Stafford12:00 p.m.
Matu—Chapel1:00 p.m.
Peter Griggs Concert—Nave3:00 p.m.
NA—Fellowship Hall.....7:00 p.m.

Monday

Staff Meeting—Office10:00 a.m.
Gloria Bells—Balcony6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.
Sanctus Bells—Balcony6:30 p.m.
Ed. Building Steering—Library7:00 p.m.
Congregational Care—Office7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Trunk or Treat / Child Care5:00 p.m.
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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Grace Lutheran Church

Attendance for Worship

Worship 21 / 42 / 131 = 194
Sunday School 75

5 Tips to Guarantee Canning Success
Eartheasy.com

In addition to food security and freedom from unwanted additives, home canning gives us the old-fashioned satisfaction of transforming the harvest into next season's feast.

2. Resist the temptation to use imperfect jars or lids.

Experienced canners are equally vulnerable to this pitfall. There's nothing as heartbreaking as discovering a dozen quarts of perfect ripe peaches, fermenting and molding in their jars because their seals were compromised by chipped rims or damaged lids.

It's tempting to avoid a trip to the store by re-using old lids, but it's not worth the risk. New lids are relatively cheap, storable, and low-impact — respect your own labor by stocking up.

Jars that are stored upside-down in boxes when not in use will be ready for sanitizing without a lot of scrubbing labor, and will avoid the wear-and-tear that leads to tiny seal-ruining chips. I run a finger around each rim before sanitizing to ensure my jars are smooth and flawless.

Feel free to re-use old canning lids and jars for storing bulk foods like grains, dried fruit, or nuts.



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Reformation Fair – Sunday, October 29th

Reformation 500

Intergenerational Event Beginning at 9:00 AM



Grace's festive observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation will include inspiring worship with brass, a delicious German dinner, and a Reformation Fair in the auditorium during the Sunday Church School hour.

The Fair will give you an opportunity to step back into the 16th century. You might even come face to come face with Martin and Katie!

An encore viewing of Rick Steves' "Luther & the Reformation" will be also be shown during this time – video location TBA. Come Reformation Sunday and celebrate our wonderful Lutheran heritage in worship and fellowship.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29, at 4pm

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 750 Greenfield Road, Lancaster, will host a conference-wide hymn fest marking the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Titled, "God's Word Will Not Be Silenced: A Hymn Fest for the Reformation,".

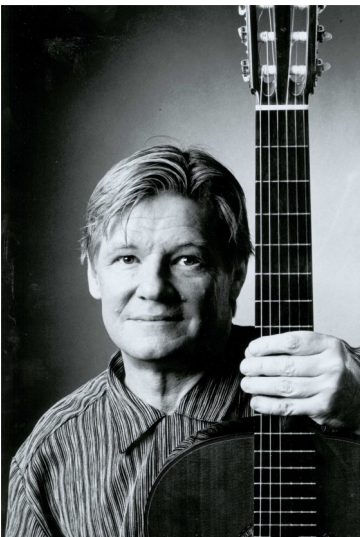
This multicultural hymn festival will feature hymns that grew out of the theology and hymnody of Martin Luther. Because the roots of the Lutheran Reformation predate 1517, music from the Mennonite tradition will be sung as well, representing the influence of Jan Hus, the Bohemian reformer. Instrumentalists include QuintEssentially Brass, recorders, African percussion, harp, bells, choirs, organ, and piano. The Rev. James Dunlop, Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, will be present. Rare books from the period will be on display.

An hors d'oeuvres reception will be held after the hymn fest. The church is fully accessible, and there is plenty of off-street parking. The event is free, with an offering being received.

Those who might want to sing in the choir are invited to come to the rehearsal on
Saturday, October 28 from 10am-noon.

Please contact Rev. Marilyn Witte at cantor@GoodShepherdLancaster.org
or 717-393-3958 to join that choir so that appropriate space may be made available.

Music at Grace



PETER GRIGGS **Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.**

Peter Griggs is a guitarist and composer from New York City. He has performed at many venues in the USA, including Carnegie Recital Hall, the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Smithsonian Institution's Air & Space Museum.

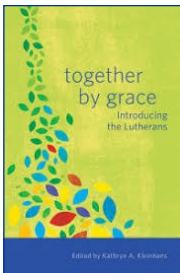
Since 2002, he has presented more than 500 concerts in the USA and Europe - primarily in Germany and the United Kingdom, as well as in Scandinavia, the Baltic States, the Low Countries, France, Switzerland, Austria, the Czech Republic and Croatia - at art centers, museums, libraries, churches, festivals and jazz clubs.

His repertoire includes classical music of all periods, as well as Flamenco, jazz, blues, Brazilian music and his own compositions.

Several of his CD's are available for sale after the concert.

Christian Formation

**On Sunday, Oct. 22th we will be learning
about Church Art and Architecture
9 AM in the auditorium.**



Dr. Barrett will be teaching a class at Grace on October 22 as part of our Together By Grace Series. In this session, we will discuss the history of church art and architecture and the ways in which it was impacted by the Reformation.

Lee Barrett is the Mary B. and Henry P. Stager Professor of Theology at Lanc. Theological Seminary where he has taught since September 1993.

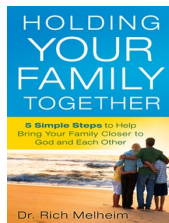
Prior to this, Lee taught theology at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

He holds B.A., M.A., M.Div., and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University.



"Holding Your Family Together"

This video/discussion class is geared for adults with school age children and younger continues on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor.



**Sunday School for children and youth
begins at 9:00 a.m. in the
following locations:**

- Toddler and Preschoolers meet on the second floor daycare rooms.
- K-5th Grades meet in the 3rd floor Music room.
- Confirmation (grades 6-8) meet in Confirmation room by Chapel.
- High school youth meet in Stafford room under the church office.

Parish News ...

Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week: Ellen Hines, Barbara Music, Catherine Schnader, Corey Smith, Pat Suter

Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers: Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, John & Dolores Byers, Rose Fasig, Ruth Galebach, Jennie Hanna, George & Judy Hansalik, Mark & Christine Harman, Flo Koenig, Lorraine Long, Pat Long, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Mike Ober, Myrna Pierson, Mark Powell, George Ries, Jean Schuam, Dave Schober, Jay Smoker, Mike Snyder, Lorraine Steele, Harvey Stewart, Pat Stewart, Emma Stumpf, Carolyn Wenger, Janet Wood, Marge Worley

Christian Sympathy is expressed to ...

Dear Members of Grace,

We give thanks for the life and witness of Shirley Brady, who died Friday, Oct. 13, 2017. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends. A memorial service will be planned at a later date. Please keep Shirley's family in your prayers.

Renovation Team Meeting - Oct 23 at 7:00 p.m.

The Renovation Committee will be meeting on Monday, October 23, in the library at 7 o'clock. Participants in choir, bells, etc. are welcome to attend the meeting to discuss the design of the balcony. Anyone interested in contributing to the discussion is encouraged to come. Any questions please contact Jan Mandros at [717-449-4389](tel:717-449-4389).

Fall Clean Up Saturday October 21!

**Even if you can spare only 1 hour, we need you!
Meet in Fellowship Hall for Fun, Fellowship and
ALL THE DOUGHNUTS YOU CAN EAT!**

We give you 4 easy ways to respond ...

- E-mail Dale Dombach - 1286ded@gmail.com
- Call Dale at 672-0771
- Let Vicki know you are coming to help.
- Show up unannounced!



Grocery Card Ministry

Your shopping card purchases have enabled an additional \$500.00 to be transferred to the 2017 budget line item Missionary Support (Longenecker).

The first three quarters total for this project is \$1,500.00. An additional \$300.00 has been send to Lutheran Disaster Response-Hurricane Relief. THANK YOU for your purchases of shopping cards! Grocery cards are available every Sunday morning or by calling ... Duane and Kitty Weiss at 464-2536.



Lutheran Disaster Response Update

During a time of an unprecedented number of disasters around the globe, our church is answering God’s call to love others as ourselves. Here is a sample of where Lutheran Disaster Response is actively engaged:

- In Texas, where Hurricane Harvey caused destruction, we’re hiring a disaster response coordinator to work with our partners and affiliates to connect volunteers and donations to where they’re needed most.
- In Florida, where Hurricane Irma caused damage, we’re helping Lutheran Services Florida with relief for their most impacted staff.
- In Haiti, we’re supporting 100 female-headed households and 100 farmers whose gardens and livestock were lost to the hurricane.
- In Cuba, we’re supporting the distribution of items like cookware, dishes and blankets to help families get back to normal life.
- In Mexico, where three major earthquakes struck within weeks, we’re supporting our local partners as they distribute food, water and other basic necessities to those who have lost their homes.
- In Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, where Hurricane Maria left devastation, we’re coordinating the delivery of critical items including dry food, generators and solar-powered phones.



Recovery from these disasters will take years. Please continue to pray for our neighbors impacted by disasters around the world.

Kudos to the Kiddos!

Special recognition goes out to Chloe Brubaker and Carolynn Main for their incredible generosity in support of the people of Puerto Rico!

Chloe requested that the guests attending her recent birthday party forego buying her gifts—instead making a donation to the disaster relief fund for the people of Puerto Rico!

Carolynn recently organized a bake sale/fundraiser following late service on Sunday Oct. 15 and contributed all the proceeds to disaster relief in Puerto Rico.

Stewardship Snippet

October 22, 2017 (20th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A, Proper 24)

“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.”
—Matthew 22:21B



Jesus gave this answer to a question about paying taxes, but it has implications for how we use all that we have. We give to God the things that truly belong to God – our hearts, our minds, our souls, and our very lives. When we do this, our priorities are in order and we’ll know what to do with the OTHER stuff in our lives, such as our money.

STEWARDSHIP

Looking Ahead...

Sparkhouse Family + Reformation500 Book Fairs! Oct. 22 & 29

BOOK FAIR

‘Tis the season to spark the spirit of Christmas!

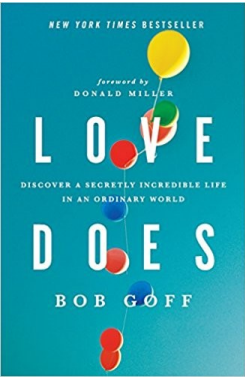
SPARKHOUSE
FAMILY



Books will be displayed in the Narthex. Sign up sheets will be provided. There are discounts on the books and free shipping. If you have any questions please contact Angie, graceelcaapd@gmail.com.

**Reformation 500
BOOK FAIR**

**Join a church-wide 5 session small group study.
Be Inspired and Renewed for Advent!**



**“Love Does” by Bob Goff
Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World!**

This class will be offered on several days and times. Pick the day that best suits your schedule:

- Tuesday mornings 10-11:30 am: November 7, 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5 in the Stafford Room. Leader Barb Steinmetz.
- Thursdays at noon – 1 pm: November 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 7, 14 in the Stafford Room. Leader Kath Verkouw.
- Tuesday evenings 7-8:30 pm: November 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 12 in the Stafford Room. Leader Pastor V.
- Sunday Mornings 9-10:15 am: November 5, 12, 19, 26 and December 3, 10 in the Auditorium. Leaders TBA
- Thursdays 6:30-7:15pm (before choir): November 9, 16, 30, and December 7, 14 in the Parlor. Leader Kath Verkouw.
- Friday Sunrise Group 6:30-7:30 am: November 3-December 8th (no Nov. 24) in the Parlor. Multi Leaders.

Christmas Play Practice Begins - Sunday November 5, 2017

Children in grades K-5 will gather during the Sunday School hour on the 3rd floor for play practice beginning November 5. A special practice is scheduled for Saturday, December 23 which will include all children ages 3 through 5th grades. More info to follow.



Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Have you heard? Five of our youth accompanied by Pastor and Kath will be attending the 2018 Lutheran Youth Gathering, June 27-July 1 in Houston Texas.

We will be traveling with the group from St. Peter's Lutheran and have already made lots of preparations. We will offer our congregation many opportunities over the next months to support our cause...think flamingos, Panera, Isaac's, and Spaghetti.

Please pray for Emma Ries, Naomi Main, Danielle Oatman, Paloma Bolt and Timo Verkouw as they prepare for this wonderful journey.

We are excited to share with you the theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, "This Changes Everything." Our primary scripture will be Ephesians 2:8 *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."*

Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

Our logo is a visual representation of our theme and the 2018 Gathering experience. It incorporates the coming together of a mosaic to reflect the diverse host city of Houston, as well as the idea that we are a church where *all* are imperfect and incomplete, yet we each belong in – and have an important place in – God's masterpiece. The cross at the center of the logo is the focus – it is God's grace, through Christ's life, death and resurrection, that changes everything for all people.

Upcoming opportunities to support our youth!



—> Panera <—
FUNDRAISING™

Where: 2092 Fruitville Pike
When: November 28, 2017
Time: 4:00—8:00 p.m.

Special Flyers will be available.
A percentage of your purchase will benefit our cause.



FLOCKING A FRIEND

A friend of yours paid or will pay to place pink Flamingos in your yard. This flocking is done in good spirits and is not meant to be mean.

These flamingos will roost on your lawn until this evening when they will mysteriously migrate to another friend's (victim's) lawn.

Flocking insurance will also be available—if you want to avoid a visit from our feathered friends!



Isaacs Gift Cards will also be offered for sale!
It's not too early to think about holiday gift giving. These make a great stocking stuffer!



Grace Youth will also be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner!

Look for more details in upcoming issues of Grace News or ask any of the young people attending the gathering about how you can support them!