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NEWSPAPER TREATMENT

CALENDAR - Jan. 19-25

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.

Epiphany 3

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12,  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

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.  
Matu—Chapel .....1:00 p.m.  
NA Home Group—Fellowship Hall .....7:00 p.m.

Monday

Staff Meeting—Office .....10:00 a.m.  
Ron Coyle Memorial Art Show—Lancaster Galleries  
.....4:30 p.m.  
Dramability—Auditorium .....5:00 p.m.  
Gloria Bella—Balcony .....6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Small Group—Stafford .....10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall .....5:30 p.m.  
Sanctus Bells—Balcony .....6:30 p.m.  
Congregational Care—Parlor .....7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Grace Choir—location TBA .....7:15 p.m.  
Band Practice—Stafford .....8:30 p.m.



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Attendance for Worship

Worship 10 / 30 / 138 = 178  
Sunday School 46

Tips for going green in 2018!

Heating and Cooling

- 1. Heat the hearth:** Baked goods can warm the heart and the home. After baking in the winter, which we know there is plenty of, leave the oven door open a tad to allow its warm air to heat up your home a bit more.
- 2. Set the temps:** A programmable thermostat allows you to do just what the name suggests, program your temperatures. Use one to automatically adjust how hot or cold the house is when you are sleeping or gone for the day. But don't have your inside temperature fluctuate by more than 8 degrees because the energy to re-heat can negate the savings.
- 3. Keep it turning:** We all know that ceiling fans can be a lifesaver during those summer months to keep air circulating (and not have the air conditioner cranking as hard). But you can also use the fans during the winter on lower speeds to push hot air down.
- 4. Coordinate your curtains:** Leave the blinds or curtains open during the day in the winter for the sun to help heat the house and then close them at night to insulate and keep the heat in. During the summer, use light window coverings to reflect the sunlight and keep things cool.



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From the desk of the Pastor...

Dear Members of Grace,

This weekend, as we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, I made what for some of you seemed an unwelcome detour into the subject of President Trump's much publicized vulgar remarks about Haiti and African countries, made in the context of a meeting with senators about immigration policy. I know that many of us hope that worship be a time set apart from politics, especially as political expression in our land seems to be diving to lower and lower levels of civility, stoking partisan divides and eroding former norms of political and public discourse. And, As you know if you are a regular worshipper, I do not use my time in the pulpit to offer much in the way of political prophecy; I do not try to tell you how to think, or who you should vote for, or which political party is "more Christian." But now and again, occasions in our public life arise in which to remain silent is to become part of the problem.

In my judgment, last week was such an occasion; here I want to say why. Our country has struggled mightily through its few centuries of life to travel through and emerge from deeply embedded practices of racism – the after-effects of race-based slavery and a post-slavery culture that continues to devalue and dis-enfranchise people of color in many ways. To put it simply, black people did not invent this system or work to perpetuate it. White people are responsible for the hard work of overcoming the systems, habits, cultures and stereotypes that we have allowed to "color" our lives, our thoughts, and our expectations. How will the rule of law and public policy best be brought to bear on the effects of racism? How will we best plant the seeds of change that allow us all to be judged, not "by the color of our skin but the content of our character," to quote the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (who would have turned 89 this weekend had he been allowed to live). Such change could be a huge contribution, not to making America great "again," but to nudging us further toward that greatness to which our highest ideals have always called us, but from which we have often shied away, especially on matters of racial equality and basic rights.

In light of such a history, even many supporters of President Trump have expressed shock and dismay that he would use the kind of language that he did to refer to countries from which many Americans trace their descent. Their poverty, after all, is directly related to the policies of exploitation that have shaped the relationships of the world's wealthier empires and the USA with Africa and its people. It is, to use one of President Trump's favorite tweets, "SAD" indeed that he would speak in a way that displays not only his ignorance of this history but his lack of concern for and sensitivity to the dignity of these countries and their people, many of whom are our Christian brothers and sisters. You have called me to preach to you on the basis of the Bible and the living Word, our Lord Jesus, who calls us out of darkness into the light of his kingdom, in which "the last shall be first." Only when our leaders so egregiously miss the connections of the faith and hope on which our nation was founded with the consequences and harm that their words and actions can inflict on us and on others in our name, am I moved to preach and pray in a way that points out the gap. I don't have the luxury, as many pastors do, of preaching to a crowd that agrees on all things political – so I tend to work very hard to avoid polarizing us further. In this case, I felt the strong possibility that ignoring the matter could have been even more polarizing than bringing it under the light of the Gospel.

On a final note, I wrote a very careful prayer for us on Sunday, in which we asked God to strengthen our leaders who are working for the common good, and to change the hearts of those who are working more selfishly, out of ego or ignorance. I very deliberately wrote it so that everyone could pray the prayer, no matter which leader or leaders anyone might think belongs in which category! No one was forced, in other words, to pray that President

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Trump might soon be replaced “by due process or elections.” I’m sure some pray that way, and just as sure that others pray that way about the President’s critics, or other leaders with whose policies they vigorously disagree or whom they see as deeply flawed. In the words of Lincoln’s amazing Second Inaugural, “Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other.” The prayer itself was open to different interpretations, with the understanding that God knows each of our hearts, and that, again in Lincoln’s words, “The Almighty has his own purposes.”

Thanks to everyone who spoke to me about your feelings after worship this weekend... it means you were listening and praying actively (even if as a group we were praying in opposite political directions!) May God bless us all with hope and faith to bear witness in the struggle to live out our faith in challenging times.

In Jesus’ Name,



Pastor Verkouw

P.S. A reminder that we are taking up difficult issues in our Adult Ed group over the next few weeks: next week’s topic is “Peace in the Middle East” and for two weeks after that, “Finding a Better Way to Talk about Race.” Come to share and learn together!

“Beyond Tolerance” 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium



**Week Three January 21**  
“How can tourism promote peace in the Middle East?” Aziz Abu Sarah

**Weeks Four & Five January 28 and February 4**  
“How can we have a more candid conversation about race?” Verna Myers

Support Grace Youth attending ELCA YOUTH GATHERING - 2018



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Flocks are waiting to be sent out to your friends and neighbors!  
Visit our Youth Gathering Table Sunday mornings to sign up!

Children’s Sunday School has resumed! Join us!

**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-5<sup>th</sup> Grades meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**  
Barbara Elder, Barbara Kline, Ann Ross, Catherine Schnader, Lorraine Steele

**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, Ellen Hines, Krisi Johnson, Flo Koenig, Pat Long, Tom Miller, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Mike Ober, Myrna Pierson, Ries, Jean Schaum, Dave Schober, Corey Smith, Jay Smoker, Mike Snyder, Harvey Stewart, Pat Stewart, Emma Stumpf, Peter & Suzanne Verkouw, Carolyn Wenger, Janet Wood

Grocery Card Ministry



THANK YOU for your purchases of shopping cards!

Grocery cards are available every Sunday morning or by calling ...  
Duane and Kitty Weiss at (717) 464-2536.



Stewardship Snippet

**January 21, 2018 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)**

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately Simon and Andrew left their nets and followed him.” **Mark 1:17-18**



*What is you here for, and how what are you doing? Those ARE the questions for steward disciples. When Jesus invites Simon and Andrew to follow him, pursue a life of purpose and strength and “fish for people,” they drop their nets and go. What nets do you need to drop to follow Jesus’ invitation?*

**STEWARDSHIP**

Card Shower for Mim Moore’s 111<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Here is something that you don't see every day! One of our Luther Acres residents is going to be celebrating her 111th birthday on January 28th! Miriam Moore, "Mim," as she is known to all of us, has been a Lutheran all of her life. She is a member of St John’s Lutheran Church in Columbia, PA. We hope that she will receive hundreds of cards as she celebrates this incredible birthday! I invite you to join us in wishing Mim a blessed and joyous birthday. Cards may be mailed to: Mrs. Mim Moore, 400 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, PA 17543

Thanks so much!  
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