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Join Our Lenten Prayer Journey at Grace!

"I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love." (Ephesians 3:16-17, NRSV)

Prayer: so important, yet so hard to find time. Do you feel you pray well? Do you want to improve?

Lent is a wonderful time to explore and enrich your prayer journey. Here are some ways that we, at Grace, are hoping to assist in that exploration.

Prayer Chain: Do you know that we have an active and vibrant prayer ministry?

The members of this ministry encourage people to call them with private and public prayer concerns, church related and life related, and personal and friend related. The prayer chain is always open to new people who feel called to join in this very important ministry. The group is committed to keeping private prayers confidential. If you are interested in joining, please contact Barbara Andersen at 898-4805.

Special Prayer Retreat: On Saturday March 3rd from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm we will participate in a spiritual retreat led by the Rev. Dale Selover Froelke.

Pastor Froelke currently serves as a Spiritual Director in the New Jersey Synod and at Princeton Theological Seminary. For the past sixteen years she has served as a retreat leader for congregational women's groups, councils, families, and Christian Education teams. She is currently a member of the Program Committee and a retreat leader for Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center, an ecumenical ministry of the New Jersey Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, New Jersey. Pastor Froelke also serves on the Program Committee and as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

We hope that many of you can join us in this peaceful Lenten journey. Please contact me with your interest so we can better plan and prepare. Kath's cell: 717-606-7782

Lenten Prayer Paths and Rocks: We encourage you to pick up a path, a rock, and a Creed handout. Each day of Lent you move your rock to the next square on your path and read/ponder/pray on what you have read. There are handouts available for adults and children.

Stations of the Cross: Beginning this Sunday, January 28th we will be exploring the Stations of the Cross in the Fishbowl Experience. We are using curriculum from *Illustrated Children's Ministry*. Each family will receive a devotional and each child will receive a packet of coloring pages. We will conclude our journey on Easter Sunday.

May our prayers become more fervent and often.

"Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you." (Jeremiah 29: 12, NRSV)



CALENDAR - Jan. 26—Feb. 1

Friday

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

Saturday

Herr Funeral—Nave11:00 a.m.
Volker Family Event—Fellowship Hall12:00 p.m.
Worship—Chapel6:00 p.m.

Epiphany 4

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

Worship—Nave7:45 a.m.
Kyrie Bells—Balcony8:30 a.m.
Christian Formation Hour9:00 a.m.
Worship—Nave10:30 a.m.
Matu—Chapel1:00 p.m.
NA Home Group—Fellowship Hall7:00 p.m.

Monday

Staff Meeting—Office10:00 a.m.
Dramability—Auditorium5:00 p.m.
Gloria Bella—Balcony6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Staff Support—Parlor7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.
Sanctus Bells—Balcony6:30 p.m.
Renovation Meeting—Library7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Grace Choir—location TBA7:15 p.m.
Band Practice—Stafford8:30 p.m.



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www.gracelutheranchurch.com

click on the calendar link at the top of the page.

Attendance for Worship

Worship 19 / 46 / 128 = 193
Sunday School 42

Tips for going green in 2018!

Electronics and Appliances

- 1. Stop the drain:** Certain electronics — such as gaming systems, computers and chargers — can draw electricity even when not in use. So plug these items into power strips that are turned off between uses.
- 2. Charge sensibly:** Most cell phones require only a few hours to reach a full charge and don't need to be plugged in all night while you sleep.
- 3. Dry back-to-back:** Clothes dryers use a large part of their energy getting hot in the first place. So try to schedule your laundry to dry loads back-to-back and minimize the need to reheat after cooling down.
- 4. Skip the cycle:** Dishes don't take long to dry. Next time, skip the dry cycle on the dishwasher and instead open the door to let your plates and glasses dry off.
- 5. Reach for the stars:** While not at all saying you need to purchase and install new appliances, electronics or other household items, doing so presents an excellent opportunity. If something breaks or has just run its course, make sure to look for ENERGY-STAR rated items when replacing.

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



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

Verna Myers

Sunday Socials!



Our 2018 Sunday Socials got off to a wonderful start, as 65 or more Grace parishioners enjoyed the delicious foods of our very own Mike and Paul Bertrand.

Mike and Paul have undertaken establishing a new restaurant called Smokehouse BBQ, which is located in Strasburg, PA. We got to taste delicious pulled pork barbeque and beef brisket sandwiches, along with macaroni and cheese and coleslaw. Many thanks to Mike and Paul and we wish them a long and successful business!

On a side note, after expenses were met, \$170.00 was donated to supporting our youth on their goal to attending the Youth Gathering in Houston in June!

Our next Sunday Social will be on February 4 and it will be sponsored by the Board of Congregational Care. Those parishioners wishing to participate should bring a sandwich per person. The sandwiches will be quartered and placed on a buffet platter to share. (Any sandwiches with nuts will be kept separately from the other sandwiches.) Cookies and beverages will be provided.

The Worship Board will kick off the March 4 Sunday Social. Please consider joining the Worship Board to chase away the last signs of winter, as they will provide a meal of chili, corn bread, beverages and dessert. An optional activity will be a music trivia sheet.

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION COMES TO LANCASTER AREA!

SPECIAL INVITATION FOR SUN., FEB. 18

Who’s invited? If you have a PASSION for global mission OR if you want to learn what’s happening in the ELCA’s global mission and how you or your congregation can become more involved, this is your opportunity!

What’s happening? Andrew Steele, Director of Global Church Sponsorship of the ELCA and Rahel Williams, Manager of Donor Relations, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, are visiting St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Neffsville, on **Sunday, February 18**. They will present an Adult Forum during Sunday School hour on that date. In addition, we will have **lunch** (Dutch treat) at Scooters Restaurant, Lititz, at 12:30. You are invited to join us at either the Adult Forum and/or our lunch table!

Reservations for lunch? Yes, we will need a head count of folks interested in sitting at the lunch table. Please email Christine Mummert at perfect662@gmail.com by **Tuesday, February 13**, to reserve your place at the table. Include your name, number coming and contact information (in case we need to change lunch place or cancel due to bad weather). There will be limited seating, so get your reservation in early!

Parish News ...

Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week: Carol Dennis, Barbara Elder, Lucie Hellberg, 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

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

Dear Members of Grace,
We give thanks for the life and witness of Richard Herr, who died January 21. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Esther, their family and friends. A funeral is planned for Saturday, January 27th at 11:00 a.m. at Grace. Please keep Dick’s family in your prayers.

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 28, 2018 (4th Sunday after the Epiphany)

Psalm 111:1—Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart!



What can we do to open the way for God to transform us into more-faithful steward disciples? Praise and thanksgiving are key! As you go through your day, keep these two phrases in your heart and on your lips: “Praise be to God!” “Thanks be to God!” Think of them and say them often. Then see what God can do with you.

Support Grace Youth attending ELCA YOUTH GATHERING - 2018



Isaacs Gift Cards \$10.00 each!
Great for gifts or when you need a break from cooking dinner!



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