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NEWSPAPER TREATMENT

CALENDAR - Feb. 23-March 1

Friday

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

Saturday

Worship—Chapel6:00 p.m.

Lent 2

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

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

Small Group/Creed—Stafford10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.
Small Group/Creed— After School Room6:15 p.m.
Sanctus Bells—Balcony6:30 p.m.
Congregational Care—Parlor7:00 p.m.

Thursday

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



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To view monthly events go to our website
www.gracelutheranchurch.com
click on the calendar link at the top of the page.

Attendance for Worship

Worship Ash Wed. 93
Feb. 17/18 13 / 19 / 94 Total = 219

Sunday School 36

Earth Day Begins at Home

There are plenty of ways you can make every day Earth Day. Improve your own small part of the planet by considering these suggestions for spring-cleaning, garden preparation, and home improvements.

- **Repair instead of replace.** Reupholster furniture. Resole your shoes.
- **Replace disposable goods with renewable ones.** Buy rechargeable batteries. Use dishes instead of paper plates.



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Official Notice - Congregational Meeting
Sunday March 18, 2018—Next steps for the Renovation!



Countdown to Houston

What's happening at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering?

By Susan B. Barnes February 15, 2018 [Living Lutheran](#)

Thousands of Lutheran teens from across the U.S. (and a small contingent from outside the country) will come together June 27-July 1 in Houston for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. The five-day event, held triennially, is an opportunity for teens to connect with each other, give back to the community and be inspired in their faith.

The 2015 event drew more than 30,000 to Detroit. “The size and magnitude of the Youth Gathering separates it from anything else,” said Molly Beck Dean, event director. “It’s cool to say the Lord’s Prayer or take communion with that many people, especially when you consider most teens come from congregations of 100 or so on a Sunday.”

The event theme, “This Changes Everything,” was developed during a spring 2016 retreat that involved youth, young adults and adults. They studied evaluations from the 2015 event, which revealed a common concern among youth: “I need to know that I’m enough.” Beck Dean said the group realized that if teens could truly believe that God’s grace is freely given, that Jesus died for their sins—if they could really wrap their heads around that and believe in it—that would change everything.

Houston was chosen as this year’s host city because it “has a lot to teach us: It’s the most multicultural city in the nation,” Beck Dean said. “There’s no racial or ethnic majority in the city—it’s truly a melting pot. That’s really cool, and they live in their diversity pretty well.” Houstonite Cody Miller added, “We have incredible museums, parks and food. We have a blend of cultures, and these different cultures can be seen just driving around town or with the food that you eat. It really is an incredible city and has something for everyone.” Miller is coordinating a host of service-learning opportunities for Gathering attendees, including working with refugee resettlement and human trafficking prevention agencies, food banks and community gardens. In addition, art installation projects and neighborhood cleanups will be completed, and attendees are asked to bring a book for the Blast off for Books drive to increase community literacy.

Other faith formation activities held throughout the Gathering include Bible study, worship, interactive learning, live entertainment and speakers such as Nadia Bolz-Weber, an author and ELCA pastor. Two pre-events are offered as well: tAble for young people with disabilities and the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) for young people of color or whose primary language isn’t English. “There’s a lot of diversity in our church,” Beck Dean said. “MYLE is a good opportunity for kids to come together and meet other young people of color and have their own separate space for leadership and development before the Gathering begins.”



Deepening our connection to God and one another through fellowship, scripture, song, and silence.

Join Grace Lutheran Church as we journey through Lent!



What: A Spiritual Retreat led by the Rev. Dale Selover Froelke. Pastor Froelke will help us explore spiritual practices that will guide us on our journey through Lent as well as our journey through life.

When: Saturday, March 3, 2018

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,
750 Greenfield Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601



Cost: \$25.00 suggested donation (includes breakfast and lunch)

Pastor Selover Froelke currently serves as a Spiritual Director in the New Jersey Synod and at Princeton Theological Seminary and for the past sixteen years served as a retreat leader for congregational 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 will join us on this peaceful Lenten journey.

Please contact Kathryn Verkouw by February 23, 2018 to register at 717-397-2748, Grace Church office.



I recently requested and received a Thrivent Project Action Team gift card of \$250 to purchase fleece for the toddler blankets we make for Project Linus. So far, since we began a year ago, we donated 79 of these blankets. Most are done at home, but once a year we need to gather together to spend time making them. The main workday will be Thursday, **March 15**, from 11am to 2pm in Fellowship Hall. I need at least 4 people to participate this one time to qualify for the gift card. If you cannot come that day, how about March 12 during those hours? I would be available then, too, and can add the hours worked on those days when I report back to Thrivent. Please let me know when you can come. Even an hour of your time would be helpful.

Project Linus is a national organization named after the Peanuts character and provides comfort for children in trauma, hospitals, burn camp, etc. We take ours to a drop-off point in Lititz, and they go to local children. Over 6,789,789 blankets have been delivered nationally since 1995. So this is a project worthy of your time and donations of fleece. If you see fleece on sale, or have a coupon, you can also support this project by donating toddler's fleece, cut 59-60 x 40 inches. These are one layer blankets.

We continue to work on Lutheran World Relief blankets at home and at church. In the fall I will ask for a Thrivent gift card to buy more fleece for these. There is still a small amount available that came in last fall for LWR kits and fleece. If you want to donate fleece for these, they are cut 59-60 x 80 inches and are two layers. We usually buy a pattern and then a plain piece for the back. Thank you, everyone, for your help in these two projects.

Barbara Slotter, 342-2654 (home) or 300-0710 (cell)

Parish News ...

Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week:

Lucie Hellberg, Barb Krimmel, Jan Lutz, Joseph Nolt, Chris Payonk, Ann Ross, Cass Schnader, Lorraine Steele

Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers: Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, John & Dolores Byers, Barbara Elder, 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, Chris 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

February 25, 2018 (2nd Sunday in Lent, Year B)

Exodus 20:8-11 – Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.



Take one day off per week – God's orders! God spends FOUR verses to tell us to keep the sabbath day holy. It's that important! Holy stewardship of our lives means we take time to refrain from work. So chill out! It's literally a sin not to!

STEWARDSHIP

Support Grace Youth attending ELCA YOUTH GATHERING - 2018



Isaacs Gift Cards are still available! \$10.00 each!

Flocks are waiting to be sent to a friend or neighbor near you! \$20.00



Mark your calendars!!

The Youth are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 21st. There will be two seatings that evening—5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.