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**Welcome Back Joseph, Erin, and Lucie!**



Thank you to all of you who have followed our journey over the past year and asked us about our upcoming plans.

We have completed our planned year of studies in France and have attained a sufficient level of language, although we do need to keep practicing daily while back in the English-speaking world.

Our baby boy will arrive sometime around February 12, and we will depart for Burkina Faso sometime around the beginning of June for a three-year term.

During the coming four months, we will be working at developing a little additional monthly financial support for our larger family, learning to care for new baby brother, and doing our best to better prepare for our roles running a household and starting well drilling businesses in Burkina Faso.

We want to visit as many people as possible while we are home and are thankful that this visit is longer than originally planned, even as we are excited to begin our work in Burkina Faso.

Joseph, Erin, and Lucie + baby brother

**How you can help...**

**Pray for**

Stamina to be self-directed learners and make the most of the resources of this school.  
Healing - One or the other of us has been under the weather with cold or flu since we arrived.  
Opportunities for relationships with French people outside of our program.

**Support**

Online: [www.simusa.org/give](http://www.simusa.org/give)  
By check: Payable to SIM USA. Write our account number 043533 in the memo line.  
Mail to SIM USA at the address in the footer.



**CALENDAR - Feb. 9-15**

**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.

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6**  
**2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9**

Worship—Nave .....7:45 a.m.  
Blood Pressures—Kitchen .....8:30 a.m.  
Kyrie Bells—Balcony .....8:30 a.m.  
Christian Formation Hour .....9:00 a.m.  
Worship—Nave .....10:30 a.m.  
Leadership—Parlor .....12:00 p.m.  
Matu—Chapel .....1:00 p.m.  
NA Home Group—Fellowship Hall .....7:00 p.m.

**Monday**

Staff Meeting—Office .....10:00 a.m.  
Dramability—Auditorium .....5:00 p.m.  
Gloria Bella—Balcony .....6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Grace Book Group—Parlor .....7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall .....5:30 p.m.  
Sanctus Bells—Balcony .....6:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

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



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[www.gracelutheranchurch.com](http://www.gracelutheranchurch.com)  
click on the calendar link at the top of the page.

**Attendance for Worship**

**Worship not available at print time**  
**Sunday School**

**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.

- **Purchase non-toxic cleaning products.** Use natural fiber sponges and cleaning agents that are biodegradable, phosphate-free, chlorine-free, and unscented.
- **Reduce paper use.** Use rags instead of paper towels; cloth napkins instead of paper ones. Buy post-consumer recycled paper and recycle it when you've used it.



**Sunday, April 22, 2018**

## Next Sunday - Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast!



**Saturday February 10, 2018**

We need folks to help decorate for our pancake breakfast!  
Please come out and help from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



**Sunday February 11, 2018**

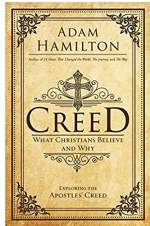
**Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast & Talent show** at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall!  
Join us as we prepare for the season of Lent with a morning of fellowship, fun and food!

If you would like to participate in the talent show,  
please contact Kathryn in the church  
Office at 717-397-2748.



## Lenten Study - Creed by Adam Hamilton

**Sunday February 18, 2018**



We begin our Lenten study "Creed" at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium  
"What Christians Believe and Why". This is a video/book 6-session study  
exploring the Apostle's Creed by Adam Hamilton.

In this study, Pr. Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and  
truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe  
it and why it matters.

This class will also be offered starting on Tuesdays (Feb. 20) at 10:30 a.m. in Stafford /  
Wednesday (Feb. 21) at 6:15 p.m. in the after school room / Friday (Feb. 16) at 6:30 a.m.  
in the Parlor.

## Grace Church Book Group

**Tuesday February 13, 2018**

Grace Church Book Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor  
to discuss the book, *Uncommon Type: Some Stories*, by Tom Hanks.  
Discussion leader will be Barbara Andersen.



**Interested in hosting a FunDay Sunday Fellowship?**  
**Contact Joyce Loiseau at [loujoyce@verizon.net](mailto:loujoyce@verizon.net)**

## Parish News ...

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

Dolores Byers, Barbara Elder, Lucie Hellberg, Flo Koenig, Chris Payonk, 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

**February 11, 2018 (Transfiguration Sunday, Year B)**

**2 Corinthians 4:6** — For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to  
give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



*When do feel dim, more in darkness than in light? Everyone does once in a while.  
Here we are reminded that God's eternal light always shines in our hearts. As stewards  
of the mysteries of God, in prayer and faith we draw close to the light.*

**STEWARDSHIP**

## Support Grace Youth attending ELCA YOUTH GATHERING - 2018



**Isaacs Gift Cards \$10.00 each!**  
**Great for Valentine's Day gifts !**



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

## Thank you....

Special thanks to all those who sent Mim Moore a card on her 111<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!

There was a wonderful article in the Lancaster Newspaper ([Heather Stauffer](#) | Staff Writer  
Jan 28, 2018) about Mim and her celebration at Luther Acres.

