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On Memorial Day - from Pastor Verkouw

Growing up in Annapolis, near the Naval Academy, I knew many in the Navy community. Members of the Navy Band shared their talents, playing their instruments at St. Martin's Lutheran Church where our family worshiped. Neighbors were professors at the academy; parents of my best friends from high school served tours of duty there; many servicemen and women retired there. As the state Capitol with a military academy close by there was no shortage of patriotic ceremonies and celebrations!

So, growing up, I perceived little-to-no conflict between my religious beliefs and military service. Growing older, I encountered different points of view. Our Lutheran college chaplain never grew weary of challenging easy comfort with patriotism and the temptations of "my country, right or wrong" that keep us from seeing our own dirty hands in the affairs of the world. After all, those were the years of deep concern about the nuclear arms race, and memories of the deep conflict in America over the war in Vietnam were still fresh. Classmates engaged in passionate debates about the evils of war, the crimes of the CIA, the corrupt and compromised military-industrial complex, and whether Christians could or should serve in the military. In case you've never met one, there are few people happier to talk about their point of view than newly-minted pacifists!

If you can get past their anger and frustration - often stemming from being ridiculed - by you have to admit that our pacifist friends have a point - perhaps many points. There IS a way in which preparing for war makes it much easier and tempting to fight one. There IS a way in which one conflict leads to another, fueling the deep human desire for revenge. There IS a way in which the burdens of war fall heavily upon those who are already poor. There IS a way in which having the largest military in the world (spending more than the next 8 to 10 countries *combined*, depending on who's counting) creates an economic dependence on war preparation and war-making that keeps us from spending our collective wealth on other, healthier activities. There IS a way in which Jesus frequently suggests a dim view of war and violence: "Turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39), "My peace I give to you...not as the world gives" (John 14:27), "Love your enemies...pray for those who persecute you" (Matt. 5:44).

All true, and yet...in this world, evil abounds. Lutherans, with many other Christian groups, have traditionally been "almost pacifists" - seeking peace in personal affairs, being wary of the temptations to violence in all of us, yet reserving a legitimate role of strength and power in worldly affairs to defend peace and freedom, to oppose evil and tyranny, and to come to the aid of those who are oppressed. "No one has greater love than this" Jesus also said, "than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Those whom we remember this week risked their comfort, their holiness, their lives, in the hopes that their cause was just and their orders reasonable, and willingly left themselves in the hands of their comrades and the Lord. Their examples serve us in many ways, but, fundamentally, their lives, their sacrifices, call us to reckon as honestly as we can with the reasons we send our young men and women into battle, into danger, into risking all that the hell of war entails. The decisions are often messy, the motives are often mixed, the outcome often uncertain. Such is life, but that is no excuse for not doing our best, for seeking the truth, and for holding our elected officials to the highest ideals for the use of our strength in arms. Let us reverently remember the fallen, let us pray for safety and protection for those who serve and for those who direct them on our behalf, "that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed." Amen

CALENDAR - June 1-7

Friday

Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor6:30 a.m.
Stewardship—Stafford9:00 a.m.
NA Home Group—Stafford Room 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

Suzuki Concert & Lunch—Audit. / Fellowship Hall
.....9:30 a.m.
NA Speaker Jam & Dance— Fellowship Hall .2:00 p.m.
Worship—Chapel6:00 p.m.

Pentecost 2

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23--3:6

Worship—Nave7:45 a.m.
Christian Formation9:00 a.m.
Worship—Nave10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch—Fellowship Hall12:00 p.m.
Matu—Chapel1:00 p.m.
Lanc. Sr. Orchestra Concert—Nave3:00 p.m.
NA Home Group—Fellowship Hall7:00 p.m.

Monday

Staff Mtg—Office10:00 a.m.

Tuesday

ESL—3rd Floor10:00 a.m.
Ed Building Steering—Library7:00 p.m.
Lancaster Flute—Fellowship Hall7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.
Property—Stafford7:00 p.m.

Thursday

ESL Class—3rd Floor Ed Building10:00 a.m.
Small Group—Stafford10:00 a.m.
Child Care Graduation—Auditorium3:30 p.m.
Band Practice—Stafford8:30 p.m.



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Attendance for Worship

Worship 19 / 35 / 113 = 167
Sunday School

More Green Tips!!

How to make sure your summer vacation
is looking and feelings its greenest.

No poison, please

Remember those carefree days of running alongside the DDT truck as it sprayed the happy townspeople and iced all the bugs? Well, we're a little smarter now, so use products like garlic barrier to ward off mosquitoes.

Traditional products certainly do the job, but they can end up turning your backyard into a deathtrap for every other kind of living thing that drops by for a visit. That means birds, butterflies, ladybugs, and even the family dog gets an unhealthy dose. Not to mention yourself, the kids, and the neighbors' kids.

Make sure to apply it when you think it won't rain for several days, and the garlic alternative should treat you right.

Planting [rosemary](#) is a natural and low-tech way to block skeeters.



Music at Grace—Lancaster Senior Orchestra—June 3 at 3:00 p.m.



A fun-loving group sponsored by the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Department, these 45 talented musicians perform under the direction of Warren Mansur with the assistance of Barry Ressel as orchestra manager. Concerts by the Lancaster Senior Orchestra are performed for retirement groups, homes, communities, churches, civic organizations, school groups, and service clubs throughout Lancaster County.

The Lancaster Senior Orchestra will close our 2017-2018 season (as well as its own 2017-2018 season) with this free, public concert– a program of light classics and pops.

R3 - reFORM, reNEW, reVISION



Many congregations struggle for a sense of purpose and mission and question how to move forward faithfully. Our synod’s R3 initiative - **reFORM, reNEW, reVISION** - aims to help individuals and congregations explore how God is already at work in our mission fields and grow spiritually to bring the good news of Christ to a world that needs it more than ever.

In year 2019 Grace will participate in the synod-sponsored R3 program emphasizing new growth and outreach in our congregation. Our R3 Team has organized a 12-week Sunday School “preview” of R3 background and study materials. Beginning June 3, we will view video segments of Dr. Dave Daubert’s presentations to the 2017 Synod Assembly. Following up, we will study Dr. Daubert’s book, "The Invitational Christian." Several dozen copies of this short booklet are presently in circulation within our congregation. If you have not encountered it yet call Robert Durand, 717-341-8682. Those who have already finished the book, please share it with another member!

VBS!

Vacation Bible School - June 17-21
6:00 to 8:00p.m. in the Auditorium!
For ages 4 through 5th grade



This year we are using An Illustrated Earth from Illustrated Children’s Ministries. The theme of the curriculum is nature and creation. We will focus on creation care.

VBS this year will also feature live farm animals.



Church Picnic

Fellowship, Food and Fun!

What? Fellowship Picnic
When? June 23, 2018
Time: 12:00 noon—??
Who? Grace Family and friends
Where? Long's Park pavilion #2
Why? Fellowship and fun!

A-J Please bring a salad!
K-Z Please bring a dessert !

If you would like to help with this event, please call
Joyce Loiseau at 898-3882.



Prayer List

Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week: Lorraine Steele
Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers: Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, John & Dolores Byers, Rose Fasig, Ruth Galebach, George & Judy Hansalik, Carl Hartman, Ellen Hines, Krisi Johnson, Barbara Kline, Tom Miller, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Jim Neumar, Ron Neumar, Joseph Nolt, Mike Ober, Chris Payonk, Myrna Pierson, Bonnie & George Ries, Jean Schaum, Jane Sheckard, Dave Schober, Corey Smith, Jay Smoker, Mike Snyder, Harvey Stewart, Pat Stewart, Emma Stumpf, Peter & Suzanne Verkouw, Carolyn Wenger, Janet Wood

Notes of Thanks!

Joyce Loiseau would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and Pastor's hospital visit during her recent illness. They were all a comfort in the process of healing.

Special thanks to the children of the Fishbowl for the “hugs”. Jay’s is on his closet door—Jean’s is on her refrigerator door. We would also like to thank Pastor, our visitors for their visits and for the beautiful flowers.
Jay & Jean Smoker

Class of 2018!



Graduation Season is upon us!
If you have a graduate at any level—please contact the office with your students information for the next Grace News!! 397-2748 *Deadline to be included is Friday June 1st.*

Stewardship Snippets

June 3, 2018 (2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)
Deuteronomy 5:12 –



Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

Do you need a break? In today’s nonstop, 24/7 world, we need Deuteronomy’s reminder that God actually commands us to stop working one day a week. Sabbath literally means “stop.” Good stewards maintain a good work/life balance. What would a “Holy stoppage” look like for you?

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Fun Day Socials!

The Board of Congregational Care hopes to keep the Sunday Socials going over the summer months. In spite of ever-changing schedules, the desire for fellowship is still a constant. On June 3, we will keep it simple and ask anyone who would like to participate to bring a sandwich or two per person. The sandwiches will be quartered and shared by everyone attending. The Board of Congregational Care will provide chips and beverage.

For the July 8 Sunday Social we will have Summer Salad, in which we can all bring individual ingredients to make a salad. Sign-ups will be in the narthex. On August 5, we hope to have a Hamburger Barbeque and Mac and Cheese lunch. Sponsorship is to be determined.