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Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor6:30 a.m.

NA Home Group—Stafford Room 9:00 p.m.

Worship—Chapel6:00 p.m.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

Worship—Nave7:45 a.m.

Adult Christian Formation9:00 a.m.

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VBS—Auditorium6:00 p.m. Lanco Umpires—Stafford7:00 p.m.

NA Home Group—Fellowship Hall7:00 p.m.

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VBS—Auditorium6:00 p.m.

Lancaster Flute—Fellowship Hall7:00 p.m.

VBS—Auditorium6:00 p.m.

Lancaster Flute—Fellowship Hall7:00 p.m.

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.

VBS—Auditorium6:00 p.m.

ESL Class—3rd Floor Ed Building10:00 a.m.

Small Group—Stafford10:00 a.m.

VBS—Auditorium6:00 p.m. Band Practice—Stafford8:30 p.m.

Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

CALENDAR - June 15-21

Friday

Saturday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Pentecost 4

NEWSPAPER TREATMENT



Like us on Facebook! **Grace Lutheran Church**

To view monthly events go to our website www.gracelutheranchurch.com

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Attendance for Worship

Worship 27 / 44 / 98 = 169 **Sunday School** 11

Did you know???

Lawns absorb water, which helps reduce storm runoff and improve water quality. Lawns also have a significant cooling effect, provide oxygen, trap dust and dirt, promote healthful microorganisms, prevent erosion, and filter rainwater contaminants. Lawn care, however, has come at a high cost to the environment.

According to the U.S. National Wildlife Federation:

- 30% of water used on the East Coast goes to watering lawns; 60% on the West Coast.
- 18% of municipal solid waste is composed of yard waste.
- The average suburban lawn received 10 times as much chemical pesticide per acre as farmland. Over 70 million tons of fertilizers and pesticides are applied to residential lawns and gardens annually.
- Per hour of operation, a gas lawn mower emits 10-12 times as much hydrocarbon as a typical auto. A weed eater emits 21 times more and a leaf blower 34 times more.



Pesticides kill 60 – 90% of earthworms when applied. Earthworms are important for soil health.



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There is still time to register! Bring a friend!



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.

Day 1 -THE BAPTISM OF JESUS!



Day 2 -Manna and quail!



Day 4 -Balaam and His donkey!



Day 5 -Creation of the animals!



Day 3 -Rest For the Land!

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VBS this year WILL also Feature LIVE FARM ANIMALS.





Annual Lancaster Summer Arts Festival Organ Recital

Two Grace Church organists will participate in this annual event. Mark Herr, one of our Saturday night organists, and Dr. Karl E. Moyer, retired organist-director at Grace, will be playing in the second half of the program.

This year, the program takes place on Thursday June 14 at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, 500 East Orange Street, Lancaster. Given the glorious acoustics in the church nave, it is one of the finest places to hear organ music in Lancaster.

Mr. Herr will be joined by violinist John Hamilton, also an organist, in two movements from the rarely-performed Opus 166 suite for violin and organ by late 19th-century composer Josef Rheinberger. Dr. Moyer will play the famous Prelude and Fugue on the Name A-L-A-I-N by Maurice Duruflé.

The program is likely to last about an hour and a quarter. There will be an offering to benefit the organist-chapter's scholarship fund, and some of the scholarship holders will be introduced at half-time in the program.

Dinner Church at Grace Friday evening, June 22nd at 6-7:30 pm.

What is "Dinner Church"? It's casual, open, and welcoming to all!

It is a gathering of people of good will where all the most important things happen at the table. Think of it as a good dinner party with a spiritual twist. We eat, have robust conversation and prayerful moments all while around a dinner table. A time for "give and take" with the Gospel, with the focus on Jesus and his timeless message for each of us today.

Who is invited? The religious, the non-religious, the seekers, the curious, those with questions, the confused and those who don't feel fed by traditional worship or organized religion.

Why on Friday evenings? It seems like the perfect way to start a weekend after a long work week - a chance to be fed physically and spiritually in an intentional community.

What will be served? A wholesome meal with a vegetarian option. You are welcome to bring a dessert to share.

For additional information or to RSVP, please call the church office at 717-397-2748 or email Kathryn Verkouw at verkouw@gmail.com



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!



In order to facilitate the planning...
please remember to sign up!

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

Prayer List

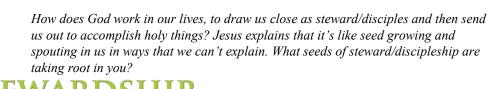
Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week: Cathy Babin, Ron Neumar, Natalie Roberts, Lorraine Steele, Elijah Walton

Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers: Gloria Ashby, Ray Aument, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, Lori Buch, John & Dolores Byers, Rose Fasig, Ruth Galebach, George & Judy Hansalik, Carl Hartman, Ellen Hines, Krisi Johnson, Barbara Kline, Tom Miller, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Mary Mumma, Jim 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

Stewardship Snippets

June 17, 2018 (4th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

Mark 4:26, 27 – Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how."





Devotional Booklets for July, August, and September are now available!



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.



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 attend a Lancaster Barnstormer's game. Details will follow!.