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Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor ......6:30 a.m.

Dinner Church—Fellowship Hall ......6:00 p.m.

NA Home Group—Stafford Room ...... 9:00 p.m.

Worship—Chapel ......6:00 p.m.

CALENDAR - August 24-30

#### **NEWSPAPER TREATMENT**



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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 14 / 28 / 86 = 128 Sunday School 12

# Pentecost 14

Saturday

**Friday** 

#### Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

Worship—Nave	7:45 a.m.
Christian Formation	9:00 a.m.
Worship—Nave	10:30 a.m.
Matu—Chapel	1:00 p.m.
NA Home Group—Fellowship Hall	7:00 p.m.

#### Monday

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#### **Tuesday**

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#### Community Meal—Fellowship Hall ......5:30 p.m.

Thursday	
ESL Class—3rd Floor Ed Building	10:00 a.m.
Small Group—Stafford	

Band Practice—Stafford ......8:30 p.m.

#### **Environmental Concerns**

Our Mother Earth is currently facing lot of environmental concerns. The environmental problems like global warming, acid rain, air pollution, urban sprawl, waste disposal, ozone layer depletion, water pollution, climate change and many more affect every human, animal and nation on this planet.

Here are 25 of the most important environmental concerns to keep an eye on today.

**#2 Water Pollution:** Clean drinking water is turning into an uncommon thing. Water is turning into a monetary and political concern as the human populace battles for this need. Waste from industrial and agricultural activities pollute the water that is used by humans, animals and plants.

#3 Soil and Land Pollution: Land pollution simply means degradation of earth's surface as a result of human activities like mining, littering, deforestation, industrial, construction and agricultural activities. Land pollution can have huge environmental impact in the form of air pollution and soil pollution which in turn can have adverse effect on human health.

#4 next week!



# "God's work. Our hands." Sunday

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# Save the date! September 9, 2018.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

## How is our church family at Grace celebrating this special day?

Our Fifth Annual Neighborhood Cookout in our parking lot, September 9th beginning at 12 noon.

We need everybody to pitch in and share God's love with our neighbors and each other! How can you help? There are so many ways...donate food or drinks, help with games, volunteer at a table, or just come to hang out and be sociable. God calls us to action and this is one way we can respond. Sign-ups are in the Narthex and by the Chapel or call the church office at 717-397-2748.

#### • What else is happening that day? Rally Day!!!

Rally day is the Sunday we "rally" everyone back to our fall education schedule. We begin another school year of excellent Children and Youth Christian Education Programs from 9:00 – 10:15 AM. Our adults have been going strong all summer, but we gave our faithful teachers and youth some time off for rest and renewal.

Parents/Adults - we kindly requested your help with the Cook-out set-up during the Sunday School hour.



### Our goal is 200 by September 8th. With your help, we can do this!



We are looking for folks who knit or crochet to create dish clothes to share with our guests at the Neighborhood Cook-out.

Need a pattern? Yarn? Please contact Angie Smith at 717-397-2748, or at graceelcaapd@gmail.com

### ESL at Grace Church



Beginning English Class for Adults Childcare provided for infants through pre-school.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays / Rolling Admission

Where: Grace Lutheran Church, 517 N Queen St, Lancaster, PA 17603

(corner of Queen & James)

Time: 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

For additional information contact:

Barbara Andersen, Coordinator at (717) 669-8258 or the church office at (717) 397-2748











Grace Church has become the Learning Place for several of Lancaster County's newest refugees. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning students join the several teachers and helpers to learn to speak, read and write English.

Some have never been to school before; some have college degrees. They bring their children to class where they too receive instruction in English and learn interactive play and life skills. All in all, it's the most exciting thing for families anxious to learn English and work toward the goal of getting jobs.

Where do you come in? Do we need your help? You bet! Our students share healthy snacks after class each class period. We also offer prizes for games every month toward their successes in learning English. And we could use more help as our numbers are really beginning to grow.

If you have an interest in being part of our ESL class or would like to share prizes with us (soaps, paper products, costume jewelry, small games or toys, easy to read books, puzzles, new socks, ....) or snack, please contact Barbara Anderson, Program Director today (717-665-8258).



Now is the time top shop for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering! Back-to-School Savings have begun.





Ingathering for 2018 is October 6/7.

# **Prayer List**

#### Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

For healing from illness or surgery this week: Earl Dinger, Barry Gentzler, Barb Krimmel, Karin Randazzo, Nataleigh Roberts, Gwen Tabbutt

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, Barbara Kline, Tom Miller, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Joseph Nolt, Mike Ober, Chris Payonk, Myrna Pierson, Bonnie & George Ries, Jean Schaum, Dave Schober, Corey Smith, Jay Smoker, Mike Snyder, Harvey & 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 Snippets

Aug. 26, 2018 (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

John 6:68 Simon Peter answered Jesus, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

We hear so many voices in our culture luring us to follow by promising us prosperity, power, fun, escape, prestige, etc. But steward disciples know that only Jesus has the words of true life, eternal life. We listen only for Jesus' words.

STEWARDSHIP

# Volunteers needed! 3rd Wed. of the month beginning in Sept.

### Grace will offer free haircuts to our guests at the Wednesday evening meal!

Yolanda Shriver has a passion for making people look and feel better. A graduate of Empire Beauty School in Lancaster, she has seen the smiles and heard the "thank yous" as customers admire their new appearances. "I really like to give back," she said.

We anticipate 3-4 stylist will join Yolanda at Grace the third Wed. of each month beginning in Sept. This is a wonderful ministry and we hope that you will participate!

Helpers are needed to:

- set up
- take names of those desiring a hair cut
- go get the people, in order, at their tables when it is their turn
- sit and chat with the people as they got their hair cut
- clean up at the end of the session

Please contact the church office at 717-397-2748 if you are interested in helping.

