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Council Highlights

Your elected leaders and I met Monday evening to review our ministries and finances, and to receive an important report from our Education Building Steering Committee Chair, Bishop Don Main. Highlights of the meeting include:

- Treasurer’s Report - Our net assets are increasing due to capital campaign funds that are being contributed (\$451,224 given to date—thank you!) but our General Fund deficit has grown to over \$40,000. Part of the deficit is due to investment income that has not been transferred to the General Fund. We anticipate the deficit to be overcome through the fall months, but that depends on our continued strong support of our ministries! Thanks for remembering to catch up on your pledges and giving if they have fallen behind this summer. (Full Treasurer’s reports can be requested at any time by calling or emailing Vicki.)
- The Renovation Team is meeting with Marotta/Main Architects to approve final drawings to go out for bid this coming Wed., with bids expected within 30 days. “Then, the fun starts!”
- Our Board of Ministries has many events and activities planned for the Fall - watch Grace News for details. Special reminder that our Youth will be reporting on their trip to the National Gathering at the Sunday Social, Oct 7, after the 10:30 service!
- Bp. Main presented the Education Building Steering Team’s Report on their work since Fall of 2016. After many meetings with architects, govt. officials, organization leaders and business executives, the Team has summarized its discoveries and conclusions, and seeks the congregation’s support of its vision before moving forward. Council has “wholeheartedly” endorsed this exciting vision of replacing rather than renovating our aging education building with a new facility containing church and community space, a modern child care facility, and a significant number of low-moderate income housing units to meet the pressing needs of our community. Such a vision requires widespread approval of the congregation before the team invites collaborators (and their funding!) into the process of developing a realistic plan and budget, involving government, other non-profit groups, the wider church and community, and stewardship of our own assets.

The team will share its discoveries and vision with a larger group of council and congregational leaders and members on October 24 at 7pm in the Library, followed by dessert and discussion. All those who are interested are strongly encouraged to attend. Integrating this feedback, a formal proposal will be offered at the Congregational Budget Meeting on Nov. 19, 9am for discussion and approval.

I’m thankful for our leaders and their willingness to look to the future with faith and vision! The Steering Team and Council invite all of our prayers for Grace’s ministries and this project. See you at worship!

Pastor Stephen Verkouw

CALENDAR - September 21-27

Friday

Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor6:30 a.m.
Wedding—Chapel1:00 p.m.
Day Care Event—Fellowship Hall4:00 p.m.
Dinner Church—Fellowship Hall6:00 p.m.
NA Home Group—Stafford Room 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

Worship—Chapel6:00 p.m.

Pentecost 18

Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54
James 3:13–4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

Worship—Nave7:45 a.m.
Kyrie Bells—Balcony8:30 a.m.
Christian Formation9:00 a.m.
Worship—Nave10:30 a.m.
Youth Group Mixer—Stafford Room12:00 p.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 Bells—Balcony6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

ESL—Auditorium10:00 a.m.
Soccer Shots—Auditorium3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.
Sanctus Bells—Balcony6:30 p.m.
Renovation Team—Library7:00 p.m.

Thursday

ESL Class—3rd Floor Ed Building10:00 a.m.
Small Group—Stafford10:00 a.m.
Grace Choir—Balcony7:15 p.m.
Band Practice—Stafford8:30 p.m.



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Attendance for Worship

Worship 23 / 31 / 96 = 150
Sunday School 52

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.

10. Public Health Issues: The current environmental concerns represent a considerable measure of danger to well-being of people, and creatures. Dirty water is the greatest well-being danger of the world and poses a risk to the health and lifespan of people and animals.

11. Overpopulation: The number of inhabitants in the planet is arriving at unsustainable levels as it confronts deficiency of assets like water, fuel and food. Overpopulation is one of the most important environmental concerns.

#12 next week!

Youth News at Grace

Sunday, September 23

Following the late service, youth in grades 6-12 will gather in the Stafford Room for their Fall Mixer. There will be games, team building and lunch will be served!

Sunday, October 7

Youth Sunday—check your schedule for your assignments!

This month’s Sunday Social gathering will feature our youth that attended the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. Join them as they share their experiences followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 21

Join Grace Youth for the Annual Fall Foliage Day at Camp Kirchenwald for a day of camp activities, hiking, corn hole, and dinner. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Please call the church office to register. 717-397-2748



God’s Global Barnyard!

Help the Children of Grace Show God’s grace to the world through donations to “God’s Global Barnyard”.

You might see a lot of pigs and barns at Grace Lutheran beginning on September 16th through December 23rd.

Why? Because the children will be collecting donations in their cardboard containers (pigs and barns) to help families all over the world escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market.



How can you help? By bringing a check, cash or coins to church and placing them in the containers on the windowsills of the sanctuary or placing it directly in a container with a smiling child attached after 10:30 worship. We will announce the final tally around the time we celebrate Christ’s birth! Stay tuned and start digging under the couch cushions. We Baaaaaadly need your support so start Moooving.

New ELCA World Hunger Video Highlights PA Hunger Advocates

ELCA World Hunger recently released a new video featuring Feast of Justice in Philadelphia.



Feast of Justice is dedicated to empowering the transformation of individuals, families, and communities through their hunger programs, education programs, and life skills/counseling programs. To learn more click here visit <https://www.feastofjustice.com/>



Looking for hunger-related activities, resources or actions? Visit Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania's website at <https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org> or ELCA World Hunger at <https://www.elca.org>

Prayer List

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

For healing from illness or surgery this week: Earl Dinger, Nanci Eriksson, Barb Krimmel, Joyce Loiseau, George Ries, Nataleigh Roberts, Bev Wagaman
Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers: Charles Albright, Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, John & Dolores Byers, Rose Fasig, Ruth Galebach, Barry Gentzler, George & Judy Hansalik, Carl Hartman, Ellen Hines, Barbara Kline, Tom Miller, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Joseph Nolt, Mike Ober, Chris Payonk, Myrna Pierson, Karin Randazzo, Bonnie Ries, Jean Schaum, Dave Schober, Corey Smith, Jay Smoker, Donna Snyder, Harvey & Pat Stewart, Emma Stumpf, Gwen Tabbutt, Peter & Suzanne Verkouw, Carolyn Wenger, Janet Wood

Stewardship Snippets

Sept. 23, 2018 (18th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)
James 4:1, 2 – Those conflicts and disputes among you ... do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.



James puts his finger on the pulse of human misery. We drive ourselves crazy by craving the things we don't have and envying those who have more than we do! Spiritual maturity and practicing steward/discipleship help bring us sanity.

STEWARDSHIP

We need your help!



Do you have a Thrivent account?
Would you like to help our congregation in community service projects?

By signing up to be a part of a Thrivent Action Team you can help fund our community outreach projects.

Thrivent allows individuals to apply for two grants per fiscal year. Upon approval, teams receive a VISA gift card in the amount of \$250.00 and free T-shirts for their team!

Some of our previous Thrivent Action Team projects are: Project Linus, LWR Blankets, LWR School Kits and Personal Care Kits, and a Young Adult sponsored Sunday Social.

If you are interested please contact our Assistant Program Director, Angie Smith, graceelcaapd@gmail.com

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.

