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Good News from Grace

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Our Purpose

The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

Luke 12:20-21

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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75th Anniversary Celebration

If you were unable to attend the luncheon and would like to view the program portion or the slideshow showcasing images from over the last 75 years, it is on the church website at www.gracecamphill.org or CLICK HERE.

If you have memories or photographs to share please continue to send them in! We would like to include them in the newsletter throughout 2022! Images and stories can be emailed to Diane at deppengelc@gmail.com or by dropping them off at the church office Monday-Thursday 8am to 12noon.

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Greetings to you in this time after Pentecost, a season to reflect on our spiritual wealth.

This week, we meet "the rich fool." Jesus tells this parable in response to a younger brother who wants his eldest brother to divide the land so that he (the younger brother) may have his share. However, the eldest brother wants to keep the land intact. The younger brother turns to Jesus to settle the dispute. Jesus recognizes the younger brother's behavior as greed.

The rich fool has an abundant harvest. He decides to build bigger barns to store his produce. But God tells him that his life will be claimed that very night and then to whom will these possessions belong? I invite you to do a little Bible study. Read the passage (Luke 12:13-21) and count how many times the pronoun "I" and "my" are used in the parable (verses 16 -20). That count alone will help you to appreciate the degree of greed of the "rich fool."

Do you remember the early days of the COVID pandemic? Perhaps you would rather not! But remember how quickly shelves were depleted of toilet paper, paper towels, sanitizing

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Service of Holy Communion and a Celebration of Life for
Joyce C. Allan
May 9, 1932 - July 12, 2022

On **Saturday, July 30**, we will gather with the family of Joyce Allan to remember her life on earth and to celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise at baptism of eternal life. The family invites you as follows, at Grace Lutheran:

10:30 - 11:30am	Visitation in Library
11:30am - 12:30pm	Service in the Sanctuary
12:30pm	Luncheon

The Rev. Lois Van Orden will preside with the Rev. Evan Houck preaching. Emily and Kristopher Hartman will lead the liturgy and offer special music. Chris Jury will oversee the use of the facility. We give thanks for Joyce and for all who will come together to remember her life with joy.

LET'S CELEBRATE WITH VICAR SUSAN!

Vicar Susan Scott was called to serve the Bendersville Parish (Adams County), beginning August 1, 2022. She will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on **Saturday, August 20, 2022, 3:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, Shiremanstown** (44 W Main St, Shiremanstown, PA 17011

Let us pray for Vicar Susan as she relocates to Bendersville to begin this new venture as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ.

ATTENTION ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Plan to attend the worship service on **Sunday, August 7 at 9:30am** for installation. All Council members, those beginning a new term and those continuing their terms, are to attend. Please note that lack of attendance communicates poorly to the congregation so let's add this date to our calendars to be present.

Also, remember Monday, August 8, 6:15pm Council meeting with Orientation (all members).

Thank you,

Pastor Lois

GRACE'S YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Grace's Youth will be heading to Minneapolis, Minnesota **July 23 -29** with LutheranHANDS. Are you interested in following along with their trip? If so use this link to read the blog or follow them on Instagram @gracechyg . They will post updates and personal accounts of what they are doing and where they are in the twin cities. They would love if you reply to the posts so they know people are reading!

If you don't have access to the internet and would like to read the blog contact the office for a printed copy.

Flat Jesus and Pastor Lois with SFC Phillip Van Orden at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas

Flat Jesus and Susan Dickinson in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Flat Jesus and Claire & Eden Pankake on Assateague Island, Virginia. Wild pones are penned up ready to swim across to Chincoteague Island.

Flat Jesus and Susan Ryder in Minneapolis, Minnesota with the Grace's Youth Group on their Mission trip.

ALiVE Registration is Open!

It's not too early to be thinking about this Fall!

ALiVE is the Lower Susquehanna Synod annual middle-school youth event, scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, at Camp Nawakwa. Youth entering grades 6-8 this fall, and their advisors are encouraged to attend. Congregational groups are housed together, but youth gather in small groups with peers and small group leaders for conversations around the theme, ***'Created For...'***

This event includes large group gatherings with singing, games, videos and speakers related to the theme Plus, youth look forward to outdoor worship, campfires, and all-camp activities in the beauty of a fall Nawakwa weekend. The event always focuses on building intentional and authentic Christian community, where youth can be themselves and experience the love and acceptance Christ calls us to share in our everyday lives.

Contact Jesse Woodrow gracechyg@gmail.com for more information.

Flat Jesus

Don't forget while traveling this summer to send any images to gelc@comcast.net . When we receive the images we will put a dot on the map as well as printing them in the newsletter from **May 29 – August 28** so everyone can see all the places Grace has gone with Jesus this summer!

You can also view all the photographs here.

We hold in prayer especially this week…

Lois Kohnlein, Lester Richards, Chelsea & Veronika Bosnar, Debra George, James Hoover, Docoline Stroud, Gladys Cline, Noah Helwig, Elijah C., Mary Heverling, Mary Ann Osswald, Michael, Danielle Pizzolatto and their children: Dominic, Caroline & Gabriel, Lori Weber, Sue Gasswint, Joe Jackson, Debbie Aldridge, Yvonne Gettys, Patti Reed, Diane Brokenshire, Keith Downs, Vernon Frazier, and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer…

Garry Murray, Darlene M., Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Pastor Molly Haggerty, Frank Blizzard, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Sis Hoffman, David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Lesly Richards, Eileen McCann, Mike Lutz, and Destiny Glenn.

We also hold our shut-ins in prayer:

Louis Lore, John Hench, Shirley Hughes, John Shuey, Betty Bennett, and Dick Cromer.

If you have family members or friends on the prayer list please notify the church office (717-737-0439 or gelc@comcast.net) each month with updates. Your input helps us maintain the prayer list since we are not aware of the changes in the health status of those on the list.

ASSISTING MINISTERS TRAINING

Pastor Evan will conduct a training session for Assisting Ministers on **Sunday, August 21,** immediately after worship.
The session will last approximately 45 minutes.

Your commitment as an Assisting Minister would be once every two to three months depending on the number of available Assisting Ministers. Please consider assisting with worship in this way.

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wipes and other sanitizing products? In a panic, people became greedy, stockpiling such products, leaving others scrambling or doing without these products. This stockpiling added to the stress of the pandemic that was marked by so many unknowns – including, when would the grocery store shelves be restocked so that those who needed items such as toilet paper, could purchase it? The ripple effect was that when the supply chain started to channel these goods to stores once again, the prices were much higher, reflecting the economic reality of supply and demand. Greed holds us captive to material wealth causing us to act in unhealthy ways, making decisions that work against the community and the welfare of others.

Congregations can be held captive by greed. Greed is an expression of fear. Fear is the expression of the unknown – we won't have enough money to pay our bills, we won't be able to get another pastor (so we had better hold on to the one we have), we can't let go of property because of missed opportunities or for fear of offending a long-gone benefactor. The list goes on.

The interim time is a good time to assess congregational assets. Which ministries are being used wisely to spread the Kingdom of God and which ministries have served their purpose? Are we stockpiling resources "for a rainy day?" Are people resources (the pastor or pastors, staff and volunteers) being used with care; are we monitoring burn-out? Assessing assets helps us to redirect and redefine resources, whether in the form of programs, people or materials.

Like the "rich fool" we are invited to re-evaluate our actions. Are we making decisions in the interest of God's kingdom – for the benefit of the greater good (community)? Are we willing to tackle tough decisions that are holding us back from venturing into new arenas?

Yes, I ask a lot of questions for us to consider. My hope is that we will be good stewards of our time together and take a look at some, if not all of these questions to prepare the good soil of Grace Lutheran for the call of a permanent pastor.

God's blessings,

Pastor Lois

Aluminum Tab Collecting

Grace is collecting Aluminum tabs for donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania.

A collection bin has been place outside the large conference room beside the Ecumenical Food Pantry donation bin.
Only aluminum tabs can be collected, so if the tab does not stick to a magnet - it's aluminum.

Sabbath Helper

Do you attend the Saturday service? If so are you willing to help with communion? Or maybe clean up after the service, gather offering and lock up?

If interested please contact the Diane for more information at 717-737-0439 x15 or deppengelc@gmail.com. We'd like to have a schedule by September.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

This summer marks 50 years of service by the Ecumenical Food Pantry to the greater Harrisburg community! **Help the EFP celebrate by participating in their "50 for 50" campaign by donating a dollar for each of the EDP's 50 year of service.** Donations are welcome to be made in honor or memory of a current or former volunteer, if you wish.

Donations should be sent directly to the food pantry using this form (*NOTE: Printed forms are available in the church office)* or online at www.efoodpantry.org . If donating online please indicate that the donation is designated for the 50th Anniversary and if you want to make it in honor or memory of someone.

EFP will be celebrating the 50th anniversary on **September 17, 2022, from 2 -4pm** at Messiah Lutheran Church. Please join them for food, games and music as they honor their many volunteers and donors, as well as the vibrant community they serve. On **Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 10:45am,** the worship service at Messiah Lutheran will include special recognition of the Ecumenical Food Pantry as well.

8/1 Kinsey Hall
Richard Hoff
Connor Robbins

8/2 Jean Gross
Garri Ann Hearn
Patti Savastio

8/3 Karen Osswald
Scott Thomas

8/5 Alyssa Rowland

8/6 Judi Fenicle
Karen Galle
Lloyd Hench
Debra Taylor

8/7 Wendy Evans Lehman
Amy Gainor
Aldine Hausler

8/8 Lucy Russell

8/9 Robert Bozart

8/10 Brandon Kauffman
Lesly Richards

8/11 Michael Mazan
Dawn Sweeney
David Taylor
Lori Weber

8/12 Jennifer Wright

8/13 Gregory Hartman
Jason Pringle
Liliana Vogelsong

8/14 Griffin Artz
Raelyn Flook
Daniel Glenn

8/15 Beth Helman
Edward Hurst
Lester Richards

8/17 MaKenzie Seeger

8/18 Katherine Wolf

8/19 Howard Bernstein
Patricia Good

8/20 Jenny Castillo Cato

8/21 Gene Bozart
Stewart Brouse

8/22 Roland Anstine
Jesse Fry

8/24 Taylor Douty
Chris Graf
George Ringer
Joel Ryder

8/25 Marguerite Buchanan
Rev. Molly Haggerty
Jill Robbins

8/26 Joshua Lebo
Benjamin Smith

8/27 Jordan Glenn
Matthew Little

8/28 Yvonne Gettys

8/30 Scott Brickell

Opening Team - the people on this team have the following duties:

- Greeter for the main sanctuary door
- Usher to seat people, and collecting offering
- Items that were formerly handled by the Officer of the Day such as: opening & closing the church, being available to assist those in need during service, making sure attendance is taken and contributions are taken to the office.

If this is something you may be interested in doing please contact Diane at deppengelc@gmail.com or 717-737-0439 x15 and she can send you the Opening Team Procedures to review prior to joining a team. We need to increase the size of our teams as more and more members are returning to church.

Sound Team - the people on this team take care of the sound system for Sunday worship. Training is provided for any interested member. If you'd like more information on the Sound team please contact Kristopher Hartman at k.e.hartman11@gmail.com

Night Security - the people on this team come to the church every night during their scheduled week to make sure that the building is secure. Training is provided. If you would like more information regarding Night Security contact Chris Jury at 717-737-0439 x13.

Invitations were mailed to 30+ youth to serve as acolytes. Please RSVP to Pastor Lois (yea or nay) to let her know of your willingness to serve.

Pastor Lois will lead two training dates scheduled. One on **Sunday, August 28** following the worship service and hotdog fellowship and one on **Sunday, September 4** following the 9:30am worship service. You only need to attend training on one of those dates.

We look forward to your participation.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL AT GRACE

This fall, Youth Sunday School will be starting up again at Grace! After Sunday morning worship, we will provide classes for Pre-K & K, 1st & 2nd grades, Junior Youth Group (3rd thru 5th grades) and a combined middle school and high school class.

The Rally Day date will be a Sunday after worship in September and classes will start in the weeks following. Please stay tuned for the official dates and schedule!

Spread the word to family and friends - all are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Gathering

The Gathering is for all "senior" women. They meet **the third Wednesday at 1pm for lunch and fellowship.** Each month a different restaurant is selected.

For more information contact Nancy Whitcomb at 717-697-1823.

Men of Grace

Join us on **the third Thursday of the month at 6pm via zoom.**

For more information contact Matt Hearn 717-350-1048 or Rick Keen 717-657-5563.

CLICK HERE for the zoom meeting information.

69th Old Time Festival

Mark your calendar for the Lisburn Community Fire Company's 69th Festival on **August 10-13. from 6 - 10pm** 1800 Main Street, Lisburn.

Rides, games, bingo, hay rides, bands, vendors, silent auctions, antique tractor parade to name a few things that you can expect.

York, PA
Sunday, September 25
4pm Bobcat of York Grandstand Stage at the York Expo Center
(334 Carlisle Avenue)
Grandstand seating provided.

Mark your calendar for York's God Loves You Tour, which will give the lost an opportunity to know Jesus and encourage believers in their faith.

Bring your family and friends to an exciting FREE event featuring live music and a message of hope from Franklin Graham.

The Live Music may be NEWSBOYS (appearing in select cities), Marcos Witt (appearing in select cities) and Dennis Agajanian.

There is also a Night of Worship & Prayer on **Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30pm. Genesis Church - 1405 Seven Valleys Road, York.** During the Night of Worship & Prayer, join us to pray for the God Loves You Tour and the city of York.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar flower sponsorships cost $36 and bulletin and mailing sponsorship cost $27. The Sanctuary Lamp sponsorships cost $ 21 (*Note: The lamp is sponsored through December. The 2023 sponsorship opportunities will be posted in Late November.)*

CLICK HERE to see available dates. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these weeks you can either sign up on the bulletin board across from the elevator or contact Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or deppengelc@gmail.com.

Note: Other Altar Flower dates are available for sponsorship at special request by contacting the church office no later than the Tuesday, prior to the date you wish to sponsor.

Need A Ride?

Contact the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12 noon at 717-737-0439 or email gelc@comcast.net for a list of members who are available to help you get where you need to go.

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, July 31** are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, July 31**is given to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **July** is given by Eileen Moore Hartzell to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband, Ken Hartzell.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **July is New Hope Ministry.** To contribute please list the amount on your offering envelope next to Special Offering Ministry and list New Hope under comments.

The Giving Pantry

Are you able to donate canned goods to The Giving Pantry? They need to restock their bare shelves. Some items you could donate are:

- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned pasta sauce
- Canned meat
- Canned potatoes
- Canned pasta meals

Donations can be placed in the bin in the parking lot hallway near the bathrooms.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12 noon on Tuesdays.** Email to deppengelc@gmail.com

Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 6:00PM
Sundays at 9:30AM
or
via Live Stream

Sunday School

Sundays September to May

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