

# Good News from Grace

APRIL 2022

## *Our Purpose*

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

**April 24, 2022 (Second Sunday of Easter)**

**Psalm 150:1** –Praise the LORD!

*You get the impression from Psalm 150 that praising God is not something you do, but rather something that steward disciples embody every minute of every day, every activity and every thought. How do you praise God? How can you do better?*



### FROM THE PASTOR

What a joy to mark a final Easter together last week! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! – A refrain that serves as a reminder: regardless of transition, the church of Christ is about *rising up!* You will see that is true over these next several months: the way of the church is to rise up to meet new challenges and to persevere in tough moments. Your Council is exceptionally

well staffed to do just this. Of all the Councils I have served with over these nearly 9 years, this particular mix of people has been the strongest combination of members. They are all dedicated to the community here and to Grace's mission. They will serve you well in these coming months of transition. So: support them, and say, "thank you" a lot!!  
+Pastor Cover

### WANT TO JOIN GRACE?

We will receive new members to Grace on **Sunday, May 15**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Grace please contact Pastor Evan by phone at 717-497-3742 or by email [pastorevan47@gmail.com](mailto:pastorevan47@gmail.com). You can also contact the church office Monday - Thursday 8am - 12 noon at 717-737-0439.

Please contact  
Pastor Cover  
(717-525-4617)  
or  
Pastor Evan  
(717-497-3742)  
or  
Vicar Susan  
(717-497-1013)  
directly if you need  
pastoral assistance.

### CALL PROCESS UPDATE FROM COUNCIL

A welcome to Pastor Lois Van Orden as Grace's Interim Pastor. Synod has assigned, and Council has approved Pastor Lois (feel free to call her Pastor Lois), as our interim pastor. Her first day with Grace will be June 1. She looks forward to working with Grace through this transition, and we look forward to working with her.

Her bio follows. Council will continue to keep you informed through all the changes. Be sure to regularly read the Grace News to stay updated.

Susan Ryder  
Council President

### THE INCOMING INTERIM PASTOR'S BIO

My call to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament is a "second career," following a history of serving the church in various ways. A "cradle" Lutheran, I served as a Sunday School teacher, Council member, treasurer and president, on various committees and as organist and choir member. My first career was in management, primarily for Pennsylvania Blue Shield (now, Highmark). Along this journey, I enrolled in the Church Music Certificate Program at Lebanon Valley College to broaden my musical gifts as a church musician.



I was ordained on June 10, 2005 after graduating from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (now,

United Lutheran Seminary) on May 13, 2005. During my second call at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dillsburg, I enrolled in training for

Intentional Interim Ministry and was certified in 2014 by NALIP (National Association of Lutheran Interim Pastors - now, LuTMA, Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association). In 2015, I resigned my call at St. Paul's and began serving congregations in transition.

I also began serving as Executive Director for LuTMA, in February 2020. As a pan-Lutheran organization, I greatly appreciate the diversity and collegiality of leaders within the

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### At Home Communion

If you wish for someone to come to your home and provide communion please contact

Pastor Cover  
(717-525-4617)  
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or  
Vicar Susan  
(717-497-1013)

### Need A Ride?

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

## INTERIM PASTOR CONTINUED

organization (faculty, board and committee members) and those who enroll in the training courses. Like many churches, we quickly adapted to the Covid pandemic and moved our training to a virtual arena complemented by an on-site phase. This position, along with serving congregations in transition as an intentional interim pastor, offers me opportunities to use my gifts for preaching and liturgical planning, leadership, analysis, organization and communication, and above all, caring for and encouraging the children of God.

I live in Carlisle with my husband of nearly 42 years, Dean. We have two young adult children, Philip and Elizabeth. Philip, a Sargeant First Class in the U.S. Army, is married to Sara, who he met while serving in Germany. They are stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, with a move on the horizon to Fort Hood, Texas. Elizabeth is an architect for EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) in the facilities branch. She is preparing to move to Washington D.C. as she was recently hired by EPA headquarters after working for the EPA facility in Research Triangle Park in North Carolina.

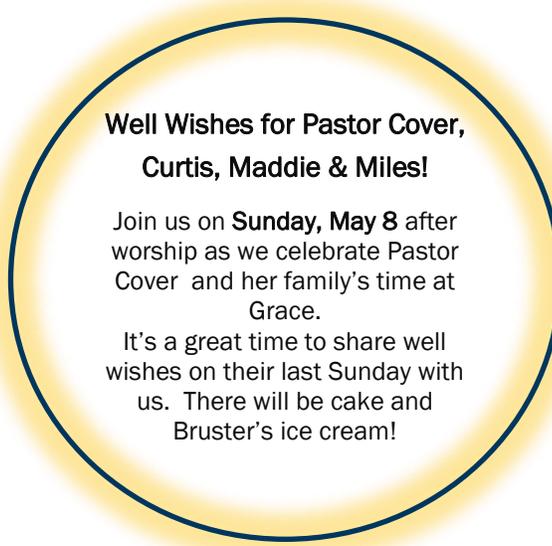
Intentional Interim Ministry presents many opportunities for congregational growth. I feel richly blessed to be called by God to accompany congregations in transition from the loss of their pastor to the call of a new, permanent pastor.

The Rev. Lois K. Van Orden

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Grace is seeking two individuals to virtually attend Synod Assembly Friday evening June 3, and all-day Saturday June 4. Synod Assembly is an important business meeting and decision-making event for the Lower Susquehanna Synod, a council meeting on a larger scale. One vote of significance this year, will be to change the process for electing new bishops.

If you would be willing to serve Grace as a delegate, please contact Susan Ryder [ryder.susan@comcast.net](mailto:ryder.susan@comcast.net), or 717-574-1960.



### Well Wishes for Pastor Cover, Curtis, Maddie & Miles!

Join us on **Sunday, May 8** after worship as we celebrate Pastor Cover and her family's time at Grace.

It's a great time to share well wishes on their last Sunday with us. There will be cake and Bruster's ice cream!

## CREATION STAIN GLASS PANEL SILENT AUCTION

There is still opportunity to bid on the Creation Stain Glass panels created by Pastor Evan. Winners will be announced **Sunday, May 8.**

*Starting bid for each panel is \$ 275.00 and bids must be in increments of \$ 10.00.*

*All proceeds will go to the Organ Fund.*

You can place your bid on the sheets in the Library or by contacting the church office at 717-737-0439 Monday - Thursday 8am to 12 noon or email [gelc@comcast.net](mailto:gelc@comcast.net). Diane or Chris can let you know what the current bid amount is so you can place your own bid.



National Volunteer Week  
April 17 - 23, 2022

*Thank you to all the volunteers at Grace. Without you we would not be able to offer all the ministries that we do!*



### We hold in prayer especially this week...

Barry Fenicle, Darlene M., Reinhard C., Mary Heverling, Mary Ann Osswald, Michael, Danielle Pizzolatto and their children: Dominic, Caroline & Gabriel, Lori Weber, Sue Gasswint, Joe Jackson, Debbie Aldridge, Kay Lee, Yvonne Gettys, Patti Reed, Todd Galle, Diane Brokenshire, Sudy Stoll, Keith Downs, Garry Murray, Vernon Frazier Dean Jury, and friends & family of Gerald M.

### We hold in ongoing prayer...

Eileen Moore Hartzell, Gladys Cline, Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Pastor Molly Haggerty, Frank Blizzard, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, Mary Lee Ryder, Jack Alfano, David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Lesly Richards, Elijah Conroy, Susan Blumberg, 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.

### In our military:

Gabriel Bailey.

*If you have family members or friends on the prayer list please notify the church office (717-737-0439 or [gelc@comcast.net](mailto: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.*



**GYG Schedule**

May

- 14-15 GYG Overnight at Nawakwa
- 22 Graduation Sunday Last GYG Night

June

- 8 Confirmation
- 19-25 Confirmation Camp

July

- 23-29 LutheranHANDS Mission trip to Minneapolis, MN

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full 2021 - 2022 GYG Schedule.

**Youth Food Cards**

In the dollar amounts of \$ 25, \$50, and \$100 are available at the office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon. Contact Chris at 717-737-0439 to let him know when you plan to stop in. Checks should be made to GELC with Youth Food cards on the memo line.



5/1	Gary Weller	5/16	Gabrielle O'Haren Katie Ottenberg
5/2	Robert Sakson	5/17	Alexander Behney Shirley Davis Rick Kaufmann Eric Lundvall Alice Richards Shaun Sultzaberger
5/3	Scott Sultzaberger	5/18	Christine Hakes
5/4	Chad Martier	5/19	Colin McQuade Bill McQuade
5/5	Audrey Egley	5/20	Lauren Bozart Melissa Meador Hailey Seeger Jared Weber Susan Weller
5/6	Megan Friedman	5/21	Kevin Budzinski Olivia Hartman Kelly Weigle
5/7	Megan Goetz Pastor D. Evan Houck	5/22	Jacquelyn Behney Dominic Deitzel
5/8	Joyce Allan Benjamin Galle	5/23	Dave Atwood John Foster
5/10	Livia Schurtz	5/24	Ann Hoffman
5/11	Thomas Blackburn Demetria Johansen Bonnie Miller	5/25	Bret Peters
5/12	Elizabeth Redclift	5/26	Patricia Reed
5/14	Ian Budzinski Nathan Shenck Virginia Straub	5/27	London Progin Donald Schell
5/15	Robert Fletcher Brian Small Kathryn Smith Chelsea Sultzaberger	5/28	Xavier Briel Christian Hyde Benjamin Zimmerman
		5/29	Barry Fenicle

**MAY BOOK CLUB - "THE HAWTHORNE SCHOOL" BY SYLVIE PERRY**

The Hawthorne School is a twisty psychological suspense about the lengths one mother will go for her child, inspired by present-day obsession with cults and true crime.

Claudia Morgan is overwhelmed. She's a single parent trying the best that she can, but her four-year-old son, Henry, is a handful—for her and for his preschool. When Claudia hears about a school with an atypical teaching style near her Chicagoland home, she has to visit. The Hawthorne School is beautiful and has everything she dreams of for Henry: time to play outside,

music, and art. The head of the school, Zelma, will even let Claudia volunteer to cover the cost of tuition.

The school is good for Henry: his "behavioral problems" disappear, and he comes home subdued instead of rageful. But there's something a bit off about the school, its cold halls, and its enigmatic headmistress. When Henry brings home stories of ceremonies in the woods and odd rules,

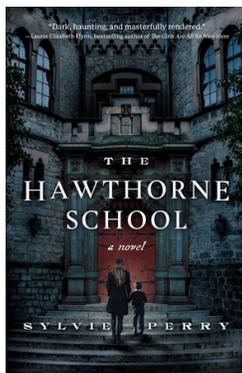
Claudia's instincts tell her that something isn't quite right, and she begins to realize she's caught in a web of manipulations and power.

The author's work as a psychotherapist, with a focus on narcissistic manipulation and addictive power dynamics, guides this exploration of a young mother wanting to

do the best for her child.

**Sylvie Perry**

I like nothing better than an



atmospheric, brooding thriller, set in an intriguing place and involving perplexing characters. All my life, I've loved the works of authors such as Daphne Du Maurier and Shirley Jackson. The Hawthorne School is my first psychological suspense novel. I hope it will give you the same mysterious puzzle that I love in my favorite books.

I also write "uplit," or uplifting novels, under the name Keziah Frost.

"A fun ride for readers who enjoy suspenseful and psychological thrillers."  
—*Manhattan Book Review*

## FROM THE TREASURER

Members of Grace,  
Financially, we finished strong for the first quarter of 2022. Since we are in the midst of the strategic planning process, we do not yet know where the Holy Spirit will take us next, but we have your caring and generosity to support our ministries. Thank you.

Susan Dickinson  
Treasurer

### Grace Lutheran Church, thru March 2022



## INTERCESSORY PRAYER UPDATE

It is with great reluctance that I am writing this note. After 54 years, I can no longer handle all that is needed to keep the prayer ministry going. I hope fervently that someone can take over this important ministry.

The first thing I want to do is to thank all the volunteer prayers who have been praying and keeping the ministry going for all these years. Without you, this ministry could never have happened.

Here is a little history about the prayer ministry. The prayer list started in 1968 when the Koinonia groups from Grace church were meeting. Each Koinonia group did a lot of study on the Bible, their faith, and religion. About 10 people were in each group, and the group members prayed for each other every day as part of the program. We decided we would take prayer requests from anybody who needed prayers. At that time there were three lists with about ten people on each list. We realized we needed to have a little more organization, so we started sending out a prayer list to people who volunteered to pray for others for any need they may have. I took over maintaining the list, and the prayer ministry began.

In the beginning we had two or three lists with about ten names on each. A different team of prayers took responsibility for praying for the individuals on each list. We selected a leader for each prayer team. As people with new needs were identified, I would add their names to the list. In the beginning, I used a manual typewriter to maintain the list! I sent a copy of the list to each group leader, who would then copy it by hand and send it to the members of their team. That initial list has now grown to well over 200 names and 15 prayer teams. Over time, we added universal prayers to each list for our pastor, the church itself, and world peace. I no longer use a typewriter, but maintain the list on my computer (with some technical help!). With the help of the staff in the church office, I make copies at church so that the prayer captains no longer have to. In addition to the prayer list, we held a healing service once a month in Barclay Chapel. Often the service would be led by a pastor from another church. After each service, we would meet to have coffee and refreshments and to answer any questions people might have or to share thoughts on the service.

Throughout the existence of the prayer list, we have been careful to protect the privacy and dignity of those for whom prayers were given, listing only the first name and last initial of each individual. People have asked "how can I pray for someone if I don't know what they need or what I'm praying about?" I told them to put everything into God's hands. God knows what each of us really needs physically, mentally, spiritually, and in every other way. This answer provided relief and comfort for our prayers.

Due to the COVID pandemic, our list has not been updated since January 2019. At that time, I could no longer go to the church to have the list duplicated, and now my own health prevents me from updating and maintaining the list. We continue to add names to the list as we become aware of needs, but otherwise the list has remained constant.

I hope that someone will be able to take over the maintenance of the prayer list. A younger person with better computer skills will probably find it is not difficult to



maintain. If anybody is interested in continuing this ministry, I will gladly offer you my experience and my thoughts to help make a successful transition. This ministry has been an important part of my life and important to the prayer teams and the people being prayed for, and I hope it can continue under new leadership. Anyone interested can call me at home or send me an email at [joyce1don2@comcast.net](mailto:joyce1don2@comcast.net).

I believe in the power of prayer. I think prayer benefits the person being prayed for by knowing that others care, and it benefits the person praying as they think good thoughts for others. I hope that everyone will continue to pray for the people whose names that are printed weekly in the Grace News.

God bless all of you and God bless our prayer ministry.

Joyce Allan

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Small Group Meetings

Please sign up online [HERE](#) or by calling the church office Monday - Thursday 8am to 12noon at 717-737-0439.

Note: *Masks are optional.* Be part of shaping the future of Grace's Ministry!

**Sunday, April 24  
10:30am at Grace**

Hosts: Karen Galle & Susan Ryder

**Sunday, April 24  
6pm Zoom Meeting**

Host: Susan Ryder

### Tuesday Bible Study: Women of the Bible

Please join Vicar Susan for a 5-week study of **Women of the Bible** from **April 19 - May 17** (We will not meet on May 3) Tuesdays at 1:pm in-person in the conference room or 7pm via Zoom.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Zoom information or contact the church office Monday - Thursday 8am - 12:00pm at 717-737-0439.

### 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

The Men of Grace meet on the **third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm via zoom.**

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

### Book Club

The next book club meeting is on **Tuesday, May 31 at 7pm via Zoom.**

Vicar Susan will be leading the book Please contact her vicar.susan.scott@gmail.com for log in information.

### Drive Thru Chicken BBQ

The Lisburn Community Fire Company will hold it's annual Drive Thru Chicken BBQ from 11:00am - 1:30pm.

Each dinner includes one half barbecued chicken, baked potato, applesauce, a roll, butter, and a bottle of water.

Signs will direct traffic flow into their property to Brenda Avenue (alley) to the pavilion and exit out near the fire hall.

Lisburn Community Fire Company is located at 1800 Main Street in Lisburn.



As of May 9, 2022  
Madelyn Kase  
20933 Reserve Falls Terrace  
Apt. 412  
Sterling, VA 20165

### 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](http://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](mailto:deppengelc@gmail.com) or by dropping them off at the church office Monday-Thursday 8am to 12noon. (Please remember that masks are required in the church office. We will provide one if you don't have one with you or you can also drop items off at the service window).

### This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, April 24** are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, April 24** is given to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **April** is given with love by Diane Brokenshire in honor of Pastor Cover.

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

### Sponsorship Opportunities

To see available dates [CLICK HERE](#) or check out the bulletin board by the elevator. *Starting in March 2022 fresh Altar Flowers will be the first Sunday of the month and on church festivals unless a special request is made to the office by 2pm the Monday prior to the Sunday you wish to sponsor.* Contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or [deppengelc@gmail.com](mailto:deppengelc@gmail.com) to reserve a date before

Good News from Grace articles are due by 12 noon on Tuesdays. Email to [deppengelc@gmail.com](mailto: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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