

Good News from Grace

MAY 2022

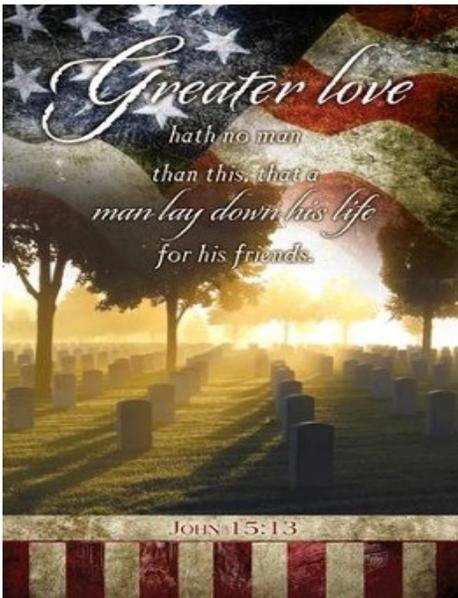
Our Purpose

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

May 29, 2022 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

John 17:26—I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

The foundation of generosity is the abundant love of God in Christ Jesus. It has the power to inspire and inform every aspect of our lives, including decisions about the most faithful use of our time, talent, and resources.



The Church Office will be Closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day

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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Greetings to you in this wondrous season of new life and the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

In the second reading (Acts 16:16-34) for this Seventh Sunday of Easter, Paul and Silas are “on cloud 9” with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to Macedonia. They formed a new friendship with the newly baptized Lydia and her household in Philippi. Then, along comes the unexpected turn of events that lands them in prison - after enduring a “severe flogging” with rods, no less! While in prison, they experience yet another turn of events that not only frees them and the other prisoners, but presents the opportunity to preach the good news to the jailer and his household. The jailer, seeing that the prisoners did not flee to save themselves from the perils of prison life, asks Paul what he must do to be saved. And then, all of those present are healed with water - physical healing in the washing of Paul and Silas’ wounds - spiritual healing in the washing of the jailer and his household in the waters of baptism. The closing bookend of this story is that Paul and Silas are cared for once again by Lydia in her household.

The power of the Holy Spirit continued to work wonders in the spread of the Gospel, even when the cold, damp stone walls of prison seemed to be the very place that would silence the good news of Jesus Christ.



The power of the Holy Spirit sweeps into our midst, breaks through our walls - our hearts of coldness and stone - and surprises us again and again. Unexpected turns of events take us in new directions. The question is - are we open to the opportunities that are on our threshold or, are we close-minded, too busy, or unbelieving that such adventures can be ours to embrace?

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TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: MAY 31

Pastor Evan had a request to have a class explaining the Biblical basis and symbolism of his seven creation panels.

The Bible Study will be held on **Tuesday, May 31 at 1pm or 7pm** in the Conference Room.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Join us on **June 12** immediately following the 9:30am worship service for our Congregational Meeting. We will be electing new Council members and receive an update on the strategic planning process.

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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.





Some Ways You Can Serve at Grace

Some of the ways you can serve at Grace are to join one of the volunteer teams such as Sound Team, Night Security, Opening Team or Altar Guild.

Or maybe you are interested in participation on one of the boards or committees such as Property Board, Fellowship & Arts or maybe even consider becoming a member of Council if asked.

If interested in more information for any of the areas above contact the church office at gelc@comcast.net or by phone 717-737-0439 except for Altar Guild then please contact Beth Jury at drjury11@gmail.com.

Some additional ways to serve would be as the head of the Intercessory Prayer ministry. For more information regarding this ministry please contact Joyce Allan at joyce1don2@comcast.net.

Child Protection Clearances

Every five years, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that all volunteers renew their child protection clearances. In order to be compliant and to protect our children, it is time to renew your clearances.

If you have volunteered in the past, expect an email from Vicar Susan with renewal instructions. If you plan to volunteer with children and youth ministries and do not have your clearances on file, please contact Vicar Susan for more information.

THE ORIGINS OF MEMORIAL DAY

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans - the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) - established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared it should be May 30. It is believed the date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not communitywide or one-time events. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities. It was not until after World War 1, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

Excerpt from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Celebrating America's Freedoms "The Origins of Memorial Day" <https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/memday.pdf>



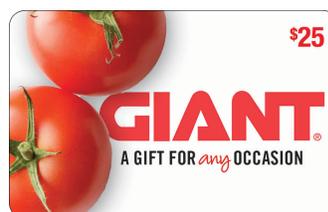
GYG Schedule

- June
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.



We hold in prayer especially this week...

Elijah C., Sandy Yetter, Russ Weber, Barry Fenicle, 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, Diane Brokenshire, Sudy Stoll, Keith Downs, Garry Murray, Vernon Frazier, Dean Jury and the friends & family of Reinhard C.

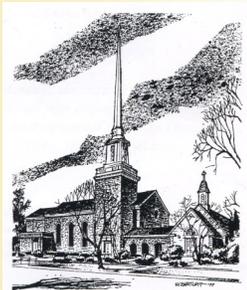
We hold in ongoing prayer...

Darlene M., Gladys Cline, Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Pastor Molly Haggerty, Frank Blizzard, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Joyce Allan, 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.



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.



Flat Jesus

You can pick up your Flat Jesus in the library. Decorate his

clothes and while traveling we would like you to take a photograph of you, your family etc. with Flat Jesus out in the world. Send those images to gelc@comcast.net or post on the Grace [Facebook](#) page. 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!

ELCA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Did you know that members and employees of ELCA Congregations can join the [ELCA Federal Credit Union](#)? New and existing members can take advantage of several benefits, including:

- ♦ No-fee checking accounts with no monthly maintenance, minimum balance or overdraft fees.*
- ♦ Great low rates on auto loans, up to 45% less than the national average.**
- ♦ For a limited time, no payments for up to 60 days and rates as low as 5.99% on personal loans for home improvement projects, repairs and other expenses.***

**When you sign up for free overdraft protection from your savings account or personal line of credit.*

***Rates on auto loans are up to 45% less than the national average based on rates reported by Bankrate on 4/6/2022. Rates are subject to change.*

****Offer expires 5/31/2022. Maximum personal loan limit is \$25,000.*

660-month financing at 5.99% fixed APR with 60-day first payment deferral = \$19.37 per month, per \$1,000 financed. Contact the ELCA Federal Credit Union for complete terms and conditions. Final rate and terms are subject to creditworthiness. The ELCA Federal Credit Union reserves the right to modify the offer terms without notice.

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Fort Hunter Park
5300 North Front Street
Harrisburg, PA

This year's Sunset Movie series starts on June 10! Pack a picnic basket (or purchase dinner from a food truck), bring your blankets and your lawn chairs, and enjoy an evening of FREE family fun. Movies are from 8:30 - 10:00pm at the Centennial Barn. The Friends of Fort Hunter will sell popcorn, candy, and beverages to benefit Fort Hunter Park.

June 10:	Coco
June 24:	Raya and the Last Dragon
July 8:	Luca
July 22:	Soul
August 5:	Encanto
August 19:	The Lorax

Note: In the event of inclement weather, we decide on whether or not to postpone the event on Friday afternoon around 1:00 p.m. Typically, the rain date will be on Sunday of the same weekend. Any updates due to weather can be found on the [Dauphin County Parks & Recreation Facebook](#) page.

Visit the [Dauphin County Parks and Recreation](#) website for the complete listing of the summer's free concerts and movies.



From the Interim Pastor continued from page 1.....

For a congregation during the interim time, the "system" is open and is usually willing to be adventurous. The interim time is an opportunity to experiment with new worship styles, ministry ventures, and to recognize that when something is not working well, to let it go to make room for something new. Together, we have an adventure before us and for many of us, we will venture "off the map" into new territory. But we'll do this together! I only ask you to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit and to keep a sense of humor because we will need to laugh when the going gets tough, when one of us fails miserably, or when our anxiety shadows our trust in the future. This thing is, we just never know how the Spirit is going to work in our lives and in our faith communities. Be open to the voice of the Spirit and go where it guides you, for you will not be disappointed. We know from Paul's missionary journeys, that he was not disappointed when he stumbled onto new adventures that presented the opportunity to proclaim the good news of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus. Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ,
Pastor Lois Van Orden

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Club

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

We will be discussing "The Hawthorne School" by Sylvie Perry.

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

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. June will be at Perkins Restaurant.

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

Men of Grace

Join us on **the third Thursday in June at 6pm via zoom** to discuss the churches' role in society. Can a pastor in the ELCA preach about the issues important to the ELCA, without being "political"?

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for the zoom meeting information.

Altar Flower Sponsorships

You may not realize that Grace has purchased artificial flower for use on the Altar for most weeks during the year; however, there are still fresh flowers that are placed on the altar the first Sunday of the month as well as church holidays. These flowers are available for sponsorship in honor or memory of loved ones. Below is the list of dates available for sponsorship. The cost is \$36.

June 5 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	October 30 <i>Reformation Sunday</i>
June 12 <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	November 6 <i>All Saints Day</i>
July 3	November 20 <i>Christ the King</i>
August 7	November 6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i>
September 4	December 4
October 2	

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 dates are available for sponsorship at special request. The church office just needs to be made aware of the request by 10am the Tuesday prior to the Sunday you wish to sponsor.*



This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, May 29** are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, May 29** is given to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **May** is given with love by Diane Brokenshire in loving memory of her mother, and brother, Laury.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **May** is **Lutheran Camping Corporation.** To contribute please list the amount on your offering envelope next to Special Offering Ministry and list LCC under comments.



Bulletins

Bulletin Sponsorships

Please consider sponsoring the bulletin to help offset the costs of printing it each week for those in attendance and our Shut-Ins at home. Below is the list of dates available for sponsorship. The cost is \$27.

June 5 & 12	December 4, 11, 18 & 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	Christmas Eve at 7pm & 9:30pm
July 10, 17, 24 & 31	
November 13 & 20	
August 21 & 28	
September 4, 18 & 25	

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Did You Know....

On June 1st:

- In 1869 Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric voting machine.
- In 1896 In Paris, France the first recorded automobile theft occurred - The Peugeot of Baron de Zuylen de Nyevelt was stolen by his mechanic.
- In 1938 baseball helmets were worn for the first time.

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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