

Good News from Grace

JULY 2022

Our Purpose

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

“Lord,
teach us to
pray...”



*Pastor Evan is out of
the office until July 28.*

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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 rest along our journeys.

The gospel passages have been progressing without interruption from the Parable of the Good Samaritan to the hospitality of Martha, with Mary listening to Jesus, to Jesus responding to his disciples' request to learn how to pray. Both disciplines of serving others (diakonia) and listening to the Word of God are essential for a well-fed Christian life. Prayer is another essential discipline to nurture one's spiritual well-being.

My earliest recollection of learning to pray is three-fold. My parents taught us a simple mealtime prayer: "We thank

you Lord, for this food we're about to eat. Amen." I taught this prayer to my children. My husband and I continue to pray this expression of thanks before our meals. My parents also taught us a simple bedtime prayer: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." I must say however, that as I grew older, I learned a variation which soothed my soul much more than "If I should die before I wake...", which is, "Angels watch me through the night and wake me with the morning light."

And I remember learning "The
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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 do so. 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.

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.



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

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Lord's Prayer" in Sunday school. From my childhood view, we practiced the words in Sunday school and "proudly" prayed those words during worship. Sometimes my father would gently place his hand over our mouths when the volume of our voices rose above the congregation! We prayed earnestly and with confidence – as Jesus instructs his disciples to pray!

Little did I know that these prayers were the beginning of a collection of prayers that would carry me through life. I've added to my mealtime graces the "Johnny Appleseed" song which I learned at youth gatherings and the potluck supper prayer "Come Lord Jesus be our guest." I follow Martin Luther's instruction that every morning before we get out of bed, we make the sign of the cross, the sign made at baptism, and give thanks to God for the gift of another day. But the beautiful words from Evening Prayer in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal have become my very favorite prayer:

"O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

This prayer is also known as "The Call of Abraham." God

called Abraham to leave his homeland for a new home, traveling paths that he never traveled to face the unknown, all the while trusting in God. Our lives, individually and collectively as faith communities, are filled with "ventures of which we cannot see the ending." I offer this prayer at the beginning of an interim time which is filled with opportunities for new ventures that require our trust in one another and above all, in God. We cannot do this ministry as lone rangers. We, like Abraham, are called to go out with faith and courage, trusting that God is leading us and supporting us.

As we journey with Jesus this summer, on his journey to Jerusalem in the Gospel according to Luke, and on our journeys with "Flat Jesus," I invite you to reflect on your collection of prayers. There are so many beautiful prayers that have been written to nurture our spiritual lives (The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace....," "Footprints in the Sand" and the Sinner's Prayer: *Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I believe you died for my sins. Right now, I turn from my sins and open the door of my heart and life. I confess You as my personal Lord and Savior.*) Choose some prayers to add to your collection and let them speak to you as the living water that cleanses and nourishes your soul.

God's blessings as we prayer with and to Jesus,
Pastor Lois

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**, location to be determined (probably one of the congregations in York).

We will let you know the exact location and time of the service as we receive more information. In the meantime, let us continue to pray for Vicar Susan as she prepares for this significant milestone.

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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.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Altar flower sponsorship cost is \$36 or bulletin and mailing sponsorship is \$27.

[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, **Bulletins** prior to the date you wish to sponsor.*



We hold in prayer especially this week...

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.



LutheranHANDS says Thank you!

As we (the Youth Group) embark on our Minneapolis Mission Trip, we have received about 350 packs of crackers and granola bars!

Thank you so much Grace, for thinking of us!

Prayers for Grace's Mission Trip July 23 - 29

We pray for your youth and their leaders and other adults as they are away this week on the LutheranHANDS Mission Trip to Twin Cities Minneapolis. May they see you at work while they grow closer to each other and closer to you. May their words and actions be pleasing to you. May they come home from the mountaintop re-energized to serve all of God's people.

The following participants will be representing Grace:

Joel Ryder
Zoe Sremcich
Henry Buchanan
Benjamin Rodemaker
Eli Wright
Starr Black
Libby Perella-Carvalhoes
Cici Perella-Carvalhoes
Mitchell Hearn
Sam Hartman
Jacob Hartman
Addie Weber
Sydney Angus
Austin Snavelly

Adults

Jesse Woodrow
Mike Ryder
Susan Ryder
Christin Heidingsfelder
Arianna Heidingsfelder
Ashley Devine
Jason Pringle
Andy Hyatt
Phil Shearer
Kristin Youse Hyatt
Katie Smith

SERVE AS AN ACOLYTE!

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 hotdogs 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.

FROM THE MUSIC TEAM

Hello Grace,

We are glad to be back, and had a lovely trip to the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Thank you to Carolyn Houck for playing the services while we were away. This week's special music is by Ben and Karen Galle who will be singing, "Speak, Oh Lord" arranged by Lloyd Larson. The text originally comes from Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. Below, you will find the text. May these words uplift your spirit.

Blessings,

Kris and Emily Hartman

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory



Thank you all for your many prayers over the past 7 months. I have completed my chemo treatments. In September I will have another CT scan and my Doctor will decide on my next medication. Most likely I will be taking a chemo pill for the rest of my life since I had stage 4 ovarian cancer.

I am a walking miracle as the cancer is gone. As I told the Doctor, it is because of all the prayers that have been said for me. God has blessed me and I look forward to what he has in store for me.

Debbie Aldridge

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!



Flat Jesus and Emily & Kris Hartman - Outer Banks, North Carolina

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men of Grace

NO JULY MEETING

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.

Book Club

The next book club meeting is on **Tuesday, July 26 at 7pm via Zoom.**

Hope Pankake will be leading the discussion on "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. discussion. [CLICK HERE](#) for Zoom log in

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.

Summer Concert on the Lawn

The Fredericksen Library's final Summer Concert on the Lawn will be held on **Thursday, July 21 at 7pm.** Shea Quinn and Friends will present 50 Years Gone - The Music of 1972! Take a picnic and enjoy a fun-filled night of music.

Sunset Movie at Fort Hunter Park

Friday, July 22 at 8:30pm the Disney movie SOUL will be shown at Fort Hunter Park. The Friends of Fort Hunter will sell popcorn, candy, and beverages to benefit Fort Hunter Park. Any updates due to weather can be found on the [Dauphin County Parks & Recreation Facebook](#) page.

Food Truck Event

A food truck event will be held at **Lemoyne Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church** (509 Hummel Avenue) from **5:00pm - 7:30pm on Sunday, July 24.**



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.

This Week at Grace...

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

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, July 24** 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.



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.

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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