

Good News from Grace

JUNE 2022 2022



Our Purpose

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

June 5, 2022 (Day of Pentecost)

John 14:27 – Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Christians around the world celebrate today the Spirit of God poured out upon all creation. Because of this divine generosity, we can be bold, faithful, and fearless in our stewardship of God's abundance.

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WELCOME PASTOR LOIS

On behalf of Pastor Evan, the staff and the congregation, I would like to welcome Pastor Lois Van Orden as our interim pastor.

She will help Grace to continue to discern where God is calling us as the strategic planning process comes to an end and will help us begin the call process for a new pastor.

Please greet Pastor Lois after the service this Sunday, June 5th in the library.

Refreshments will be served.

Vicar Susan



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.

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Greetings to you in this season of celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost Sunday is upon us - the "Queen of Feasts" - the Fiftieth Day of Easter. This is the Sunday that we meet the Holy Spirit "face-to-face."

I remember the day that I was confirmed (Affirmation of Baptism). It was Pentecost Sunday and the church was brilliant with the red paraments, red altar flowers and red carnations pinned onto our white gowns. I was as nervous as a ninth grader could be on that day because during the pastor's sermon, he would call on each one of us to respond to a question - mostly to offer one of the explanations from Luther's *Small Catechism*. With butterflies in my stomach, I waited to hear my name. When the pastor spoke my name, it was like an electric shock! I sat up with a bit of a jolt and looked at him with hopeful eyes that he would ask a question that I could easily answer. I was so relieved when he said (something like), "Lois, what did Martin Luther write about the third article of the Apostles' Creed?"

The words flowed with such
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DON'T LET YOUR OFFERINGS TAKE A HOLIDAY

Ahhh, summer! A time to relax and grab much-needed R & R. Vacations and weekend getaways may keep you away from church, but our congregation is still bustling with activity. The bills never take a summer holiday.

It's enormously helpful to the congregation's balance sheet if your gifts, tithes and offerings continue to come in regularly, even if you are away. Here are some ideas for staying current:

Pay in advance: Plan ahead by offering more in the weeks

in advance of your time away from church.

Make it up: When you return, give a little more in the weeks that follow.

Use your envelopes: Here's a tip that's good not only for summer, but year-round: If you use giving envelopes and checks, simply prepare them weeks in advance and bring them to church when convenient.

Use banking bill pay: Most online banking services will write and send checks for
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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.

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you. Just plug in the church address, the amount of the gift and how often you want it sent. Viola! You're done!

Enroll in electronic giving: Use the congregation's online giving portal to regularize your gift, tithe or offering.

Give monthly or quarterly: Sometimes it's hard to anticipate how many Sundays you'll be away from church. Planning your gift, tithe or offering for monthly or quarterly can keep you current. Of course, these methods are beneficial not only for the summer months, but also for the whole year through. Those who embrace giving as a spiritual discipline often find that their lives of faith are enriched, and their sense of joy and fulfillment is deepened. Choosing a regular-giving strategy can help you to discover the joys of generosity.

—Rob Blezard

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GYG Schedule

June
19-25 Confirmation Camp

July
23-29 LutheranHANDS
Mission trip to
Minneapolis, MN

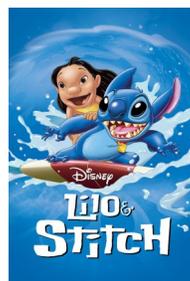
CLICK HERE to view the full 2021 - 2022 GYG Schedule.

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.



SAVE THE DATE: OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT IN GRACE PARKING LOT



Friday, July 8
8:00pm games & snacks
8:30pm movie

The Fellowship & Arts Committee will be showing the Disney animated film **Lilo & Stich**

Bring a chair or blanket
Fresh popcorn and Rita's Italian Ice will be served

To quote the movie, "Ohana means family. Family means no one gets left behind". So bring your family and friends to enjoy a movie night under the stars.

Please park in the secondary church parking lot or in the street.



We hold in prayer especially this week...

Noah Helwig, 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, and Dean Jury.

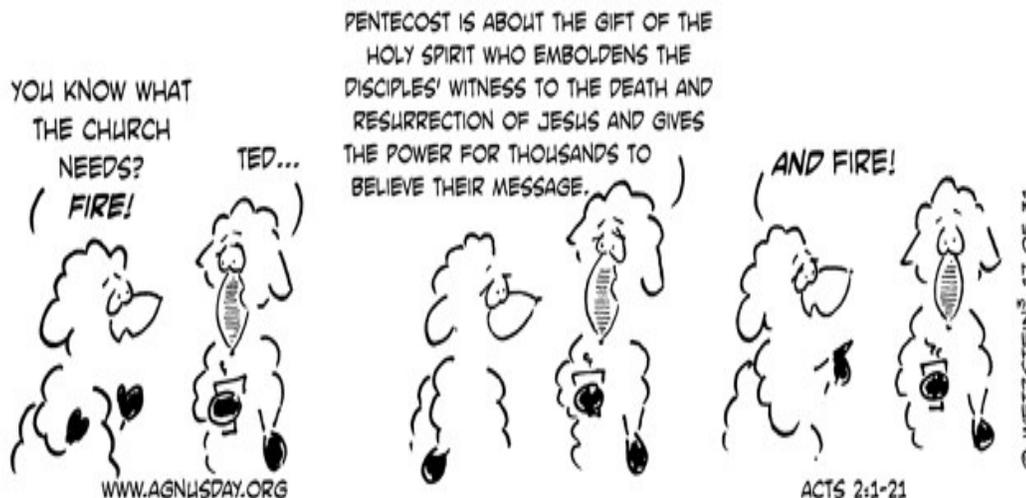
We hold in ongoing prayer...

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.



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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.

Did You Know....

- **The first Friday of June is National Donut Day** - Everyone's favorite breakfast treat has a dedicated day of celebration. There are many flavors of donuts to satisfy your sweet tooth. Pick up a dozen to share and get ready to become the most popular person in the office.
- **June 7 is National Chocolate Ice Cream Day** - Ice cream is a quintessential warm-weather treat. To celebrate National Chocolate Ice Cream Day, grab your favorite cocoa-flavored cold treat and enjoy it outside for a mid-day break—just be sure to finish it before it melts.

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ease because this was (and still is) one of my favorite explanations out of the whole *Small Catechism*:

“The Third Article on being made Holy”

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What is this? Or What does this mean?

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins - mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

I have been, and still am, greatly humbled by the opening statement - “that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him...” We need the gift of the Holy Spirit to be in relationship with Jesus. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to swoop into our lives, to set us on the path that God has in store for us, and to fill us with wisdom and understanding to do God's

will. We need this “advocate,” this “comforter,” to be with us at all times, especially when the darkness of sin and times of trial surround us. We need the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to guide us in our thinking. We need the gift of the Holy Spirit to make us and to keep us holy.

Lest we forget, the third article of the Apostles' Creed also speaks to congregations. Communities of faith are to be open to the gift, the presence, the power and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit - to be in relationship with Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament and at all times (that is, remembering that Christ is at the center of all that we think, say and do - not any one of us!), to be in a healthy relationship with one another, to gather in faith to worship the triune God, to hear the Gospel proclaimed in new and wondrous ways, and to be the holy ones that belong to the body of Christ.

As I wrote last week: 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.

The apostles were stirred by the gift of the Holy Spirit on that Pentecost after Jesus' Resurrection. Let us continue to be stirred by this wondrous gift that Jesus gives to all of us to proclaim the good news and to usher in the Kingdom of God, for we will not be disappointed!

Celebrating with you, the Gift of the Holy Spirit,

Pastor Lois Van Orden

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.**

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

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are especially in need of volunteers for:

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 the church office at 717-737-0439 or gelc@comcast.net.

TRIP TO OBERAMMERGAU

Pastor Evan, Carolyn and six members of Grace will be traveling June 11 - 20 touring Switzerland as well as going to Oberammergau for the Passion Play. Please keep these travelers in your prayers.

Pastor Evan will be out of the office from

June 10 - 21 so please contact either Pastor Lois or Vicar Susan for assistance.

FIVE LESSER-KNOWN CHILDREN'S FANTASY SERIES THAT POINT TO THE GOSPEL

Meet a new generation of authors picking up where Lewis and Tolkien left off.

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When COVID-19 seized the world, and our kids, wide-eyed, first voiced their fears, our family devotions helped assure them that nothing, not even a pandemic, could wrench them away from God's love. And the quieter moments spent cuddled on the couch, steeped in the magic of Narnia and Middle Earth, reminded them of that truth.

In challenging times, stories that point children to the gospel are as vital as air. J. R. R. Tolkien argued that imaginative stories so thrill us because they echo the greatest story of all: our salvation through Christ. Great children's literature with themes of sacrifice, redemption, love, and radical hope offers families tangible and memorable reminders of the truths they read in Scripture, truths that carry us safely through the storms of this broken, fallen world. Reading and discussing great books with your kids can be a ministry unto itself.

C. S. Lewis and Tolkien have offered families rich opportunities for reflection for nearly a century, but over the past two decades another generation of Christian authors has lavished our bookshelves with vibrant stories. These books, imaginative and infused with their authors' convictions, promise to inspire young minds and nourish old souls for years to come. Peruse the following list, consider incorporating it into your own family routine, and marvel at the hope, the glory, and the happy ending embedded in these stories.

[The Wingfeather Saga](#) by Andrew Peterson
Christian musician and author [Andrew Peterson](#) wrote the Wingfeather Saga "to tell a story that would strike a little

match of hope in a kid's heart that the light is stronger than the darkness," as he explained in an [interview](#). His series more than delivers on that goal. Imaginative and witty, with moments that alternate between side-splitting hilarity and aching beauty, the Wingfeather Saga offers families a rich read-aloud experience that sparkles with gospel themes.

[The Green Ember series](#) by S. D. Smith
Author S. D. Smith [describes](#) his Green Ember series as "a new story with an old soul." Even a cursory read hints at his meaning, as he interweaves threads of beloved old tales with the hope of the kingdom to come.

With echoes of *Watership Down* and *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, *The Green Ember* chronicles the struggles and triumphs of Picket and Heather, two orphaned rabbits fighting to free the kingdom of Natalia from the clutches of the evil Morbin Blackhawk and his savage wolf army. The books offer children of all ages not only a hefty dose of gripping adventure, but story arcs of fall and redemption, sacrifice, and hope of a new world. One of the main characters, a prince who returns after presumed death to save the kingdom, is a clear figure of Christ.

Perfect as a family read-aloud, *The Green Ember* is sure to inspire the youngest members of your family to muster their courage and venture into the unknown, "till the Green Ember rises or the end of the world!"

[The Wilderking Trilogy](#) by Jonathan Rogers.
Alligators, Celtic fortresses, and King David. Only the most talented writer could weave these disparate threads into a cohesive,

convincing narrative, and thankfully, Jonathan Rogers is just that sort of author. In his Wilderking Trilogy, Rogers retells the story of King David in a fictional setting that seems part medieval kingdom, part Louisiana bayou. With his gifts as a writer on display, he unites these unlikely elements into an engaging, moving story that will ring familiar for even the youngest Bible scholar.

Although Bathsheba doesn't appear in these books (to the relief of parents everywhere), Rogers's depiction of the tension between the protagonist Aidan Errolson and the jealous King Darrow offers rich opportunities to discuss David's conflict with Saul. Study these passages with your kids beforehand and enjoy the ride as Rogers guides your family through backwoods and swamps, offering glimpses of bravery, loyalty, and grace along the way.

[The Mistmantle Chronicles](#) by M. I. McAllister
Who knew a story about anthropomorphic squirrels could be so profound? In her Mistmantle Chronicles, British author Margaret McAllister offers families a beautiful, heart-wrenching story in lovely prose as Urchin the red squirrel combats the sinister forces threatening his island.

As the wife of a retired Methodist minister and the author of vivid retellings of Bible stories, McAllister weaves religion overtly through her narrative, referring to God as "the Heart," a creator who is good, loving, and true. She also reflects upon sin and our propensity to do what is right in our own eyes. While these books have the elegance and whimsy of Beatrix Potter, they deal in much weightier themes, and sensitive

readers will want a parent close by. One caveat about this series: The later books are out of print and hard to find. The publisher reprinted the first two books last year, and we can only hope to see the entire series eventually!

[100 Cupboards series](#) by N.D. Wilson
Calling all tweens and teens! *100 Cupboards* chronicles the perilous adventures of Henry York, a boy who discovers magical doors that transport him to other realms. During his journey he accidentally frees an evil sorceress bent on overtaking the world, and Henry and his family spend the next two books fighting to save humankind.

N. D. Wilson grew up on a healthy diet of classic literature, and *100 Cupboards* hints at this influence, with some details reminiscent of Arthurian legend. The books also feature themes of good versus evil, sacrifice for others, and redemption.

As a caution, these books, while thrilling and compelling, are too scary for most young readers; the antagonist is truly creepy, and there are some grotesque descriptions and violence that might induce nightmares. While the other books on this list are great read-alouds for many ages, this one is best reserved for kids 12 and up.

Kathryn Butler is a trauma surgeon turned writer and homeschooling mom. She is the author of Between Life and Death: A Gospel-Centered Guide to End-of-Life Medical Care and Glimmers of Grace: A Doctor's Reflections on Faith, Suffering, and the Goodness of God. The Dragon and the Stone, the first volume of her middle-grade children's fantasy series the Dream Keeper Saga, releases the week of May 16, 2022.

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. 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.

Flat Jesus

Don't forget while traveling this summer to send any 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!

Bulletin Sponsorships

Please consider sponsoring the bulletin to help offset the costs of printing 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.

July 10, 17, 24 & 31
August 21 & 28
September 18 & 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

November 13 & 20
December 4, 11, 18 & 25
Christmas Eve at 7:00 & 9:30pm

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.



Bulletins



Altar Flowers

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.

July 3
August 7
October 2
October 30

November 6
November 20
November 6
December 4

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, June 5** are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, June 5** is given by Diane Brokenshire in loving memory of her mother & brother, Laury.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **June** is given by D. G. Robert Little in honor of all graduates.

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



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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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