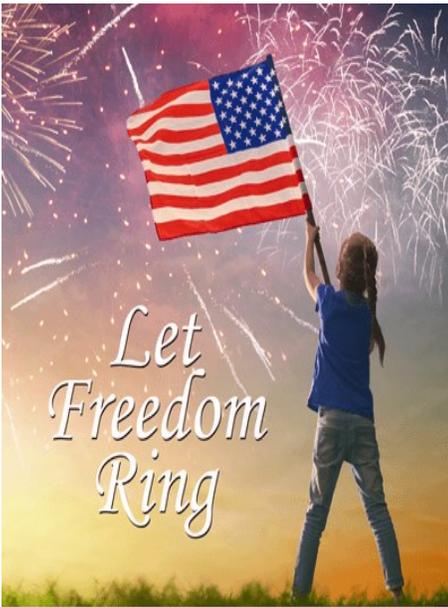


Good News from Grace

JULY 2022



Our Purpose

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

July 3, 2022 (4th Sunday after Pentecost)

Galatians 6:10 – So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of faith.

Paul reminds us that we are all so integrally connected that when one benefits so do others. It's a truth that often runs counter to what our culture proclaims. In fact, the prosperity and civic freedoms we enjoy today come to us by the efforts and sacrifices of others.

The office will be closed Monday, July 4 for Independence Day

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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.



Children's Sermons

"Children's sermons" will take a break this summer – anticipating that many children will be enjoying vacations. This important part of our worship will return on **September 12.**

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Greetings to you in this time after Pentecost, a season of journeys.

After an exhausting 8 days of travel to St. Louis, Missouri for my annual conference, to Clarksville (Fort Campbell), Tennessee for a brief dinner visit with our son, Philip (U.S. Army), to Raleigh, North Carolina to help our daughter, Elizabeth, pack her apartment, to Alexandria, Virginia to unload the U-Haul at Elizabeth's new apartment, to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, we were glad to be back home! We traveled 2,173.3 miles with Flat Jesus as our "pilot." We enjoyed a good trip and we always love to visit with our young adult children. But, as you know, there is nothing like returning to your own bed for a good night of rest.



I appreciate that Grace has adopted the Flat Jesus traveling companion for this summer. Perhaps you have engaged in this summer activity in past years. We usually focus on taking a photo with Flat Jesus at a significant landmark. I like to place Flat Jesus on the front dashboard of the car, or in the seat of an airplane (left) or river taxi (right - Amazon in Peru – notice the blue life jacket) to remember that Jesus is always with us.

In fact, Jesus is our pilot – not our co-pilot!

As Christians, Jesus is at the center of all that we say, think and do. It's not about "me" and what I (or you) want. It's all about Jesus! As we travel through this interim time together, will you remember that Jesus is our pilot? Jesus will guide us through each stage of transition.

I am thankful for those of you who signed up for one-on-one conversations with me. (You may still sign up!) These meetings are the first step in getting to know you and for coming to terms with your history at Grace. Soon, I will find a hallway to post a timeline. I will ask you to fill in some milestones on this timeline – when you joined Grace (green star), when you plan to depart from Grace (gold star), significant events that happened in between (red stars). This exercise is another way to come to terms with history. Why do we do this? To tell the story of Grace which includes significant events or people that enriched ministry at Grace – and perhaps, events or people that obstructed ministry. This exercise brings much



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ASSISTING MINISTERS NEEDED

Our Assisting Minister list has grown smaller after the COVID pandemic. Pastor Evan will conduct 45 minute training sessions Sunday mornings in July and August. Depending on the number of Assisting Ministers, the commitment would be for one Sunday every two or possibly three months. Please consider this as an opportunity to enhance our worship. Contact Pastor Evan at 717-497-3742 or pastorevan47@gmail.com for more information.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR NATION

Politics have always been a source of friction in the United States, but things have never been as polarized and ugly as today. We are in a precarious place, where many political and social experts say we are in danger of unraveling altogether.

Christians can help, we who are commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves (Leviticus 19:8, Matthew 22:39) and commended to work for the common good (Isaiah 58:8-14, 1 Corinthians 12:7). In the month of July, when we remember the founding of our nation and all it stands for, we can recommit to good stewardship of our civic virtues, our political process, and national identity.

Here are some ideas:

Seek and Cling to truth: There are enough malicious “fake news” stories and wild conspiracy theories going around to make your head spin. Endeavor to find out what is true. Don’t listen to lies and liars, and always speak truth, especially in face of lies.

Love and pray for those with whom you disagree: Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies (Matthew 5:44). Now those who disagree with our politics aren’t our enemies, but the principle remains. Love and pray for them.

Don’t insult: Jesus taught that when we say “you fool” to our neighbor we have committed murder in our hearts (Matthew 5:21-22). Engage on issues and policies, not personalities.

Settle for what’s fair: Politics works best when both sides compromise. Everyone loses when it’s played “all or nothing.”

Finally, be a peacemaker: Jesus taught, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

Our country desperately needs cooler heads to prevail if we are to face the future as a healthy democracy. As Christian stewards, we can lead the way.

–Rob Blezard

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information to the surface. This exercise helps you to recognize that there are situations, negative or positive, to claim as your own. This exercise helps you to grieve losses and to celebrate milestones. As we travel with Jesus this summer (in the gospels that is), we will travel the timeline through Grace’s history.

So let’s stay the course this summer, with Jesus piloting our journey, helping us to better understand who we are as the people of God who gather in community at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Camp Hill. God determines the path of this journey and invites us, as the baptized children of God, to join our Lord and Savior in mission. I have enjoyed our first few weeks together and I trust that you will engage this interim time as an opportunity to learn more about yourselves, about Grace, and most of all, about God in Christ Jesus, our loving and grace-filled pilot.

Traveling with Jesus,

Pastor Lois Van Orden

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!



4th of July Milkshake

INGREDIENTS

- 1 - Half gallon vanilla ice cream
- 3 drops red food coloring
- 3 drops blue food coloring

DIRECTIONS

1. Soften the ice cream to a soft serve/ yogurt texture either in the refrigerator or on your countertop. Evenly divide the ice cream into three bowls.
2. Add red food coloring to one bowl, and blue food coloring to a second bowl. Whisk the ice cream in each bowl until it is well blended.
3. Layer bottom of glass with the blue ice cream, then plain vanilla, then the red ice cream. Top with whipped cream and sprinkles if desired.



GYG Schedule

July

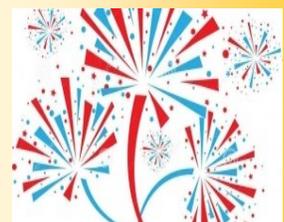
23-29 LutheranHANDS
Mission trip to
Minneapolis, MN

Hard-Working Youth Need Snacks

27 Grace members, 15 youth and 12 adults, will head to Minneapolis on a Mission Trip on July 23. On these trips, we pack lunches from the provided lunch meat and snacks before we head to the work site. We are asking Grace members to provide granola bars and Lance crackers for the hungry crew. These items can be dropped in the labeled bin in the library. Please contact Susan Ryder 717-574-1960 or ryder.susan@comcast.net with any questions.

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.



FROM VICAR SUSAN

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank the members of Grace, and especially Pr. Cover and Pr. Evan, for hosting me as your intern. I have had a wonderful experience learning and growing as I continue to form my pastoral identity. Thank you all for the many gifts, lunches, cards and best wishes.

I have been assigned to the Lower Susquehanna Synod and I am currently in the call process. I will share more information as it becomes available.

I have found this prayer from the Vespers service (ELW, p. 317) to be very comforting in times of change and I hope you will as well.

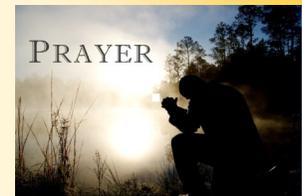
Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.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

May God continue to bless you as you have been a blessing to me.

Vicar Susan

Did You Know ...

- ◆ It was on **July 1, 1881** that the first ever international phone call was successfully made. The call originated in the Canadian province of New Brunswick and was received in the U.S. state of Maine.
- ◆ On **July 4, 1776**, the original 13 colonies declared their Independence from the British, and the rest is history. Today, July 4th celebrations are held throughout the country full of pride, good cheer, and time well spent with friends & family. But the United States is not the only country that celebrates its independence in July. Canada celebrates their independence from the British empire with [Canada Day](#) every **July 1st**. France celebrates the French Revolution with Bastille Day every **July 14th**. Many other countries also celebrate their nationhood in July as well, including Belgium and The Bahamas.
- ◆ The 50th star was added to the American Flag on **July 4, 1960** after Hawaii was admitted to the union as the 50th state on August 21, 1959. Stars are only added on July 4.



We hold in prayer especially this week...

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, Garry Murray, Vernon Frazier, and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Darlene M., 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 gclc@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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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. *The Gathering will be going to Bonefish Grille in July.*

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.

Book Club

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

Hope Pankake will be leading the book discussion. [CLICK HERE](#) for Zoom log in information.

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.



Sponsorships

Consider sponsorship of either the altar flowers in honor or memory of loved ones or the bulletin & mailing sponsorship. The cost is \$36 for altar flowers and \$27 for bulletin & mailing sponsorship.

[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.

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, July 3** are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, July 3** is given by Nancy Whitcomb in memory of Paul.

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.

Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra

The Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra once again will hold its FREE Summer Concert Series which will travel to five venues from June 30 to July 4.

Thursday, June 30 at 8:00pm - Lebanon Valley College, Annville
Friday, July 1 at 7:30pm - Millerstown Community Park, Perry Co.
Saturday, July 2 at 8:00pm - Negley Park, Lemoyne
Sunday, July 3 at 8:00pm - Dickinson College, Carlisle
Monday, July 4 at 7:30pm - Reservoir Park, Harrisburg

For more information about the summer concerts, including alternate locations in the event of inclement weather, visit the [orchestra's website](#).

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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