

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 17, 2022 (Easter Sunday)

Luke 24:9, 11 –And returning from the tomb, [Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women] told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

The Gospel today can still seem like an "idle tale" for people outside the church. But like the women who found the tomb empty, we can only tell what we know and invite people to see Jesus for themselves.

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

We are delighted you are here with us on this festival day! If you are visiting with us this Easter morning, a special welcome to you! Read on in this weekly newsletter about some things we are up to right now, as well as our typical weekend worship schedule.

Today we have a special guest with us, from long ago. She will tell us of the things that have been taking place these last few days – in her time, as well as ours. Jesus, who once was dead, is now alive again. How

does she know that? She heard Jesus call her name in that garden outside the tomb. Today we are reminded that Jesus calls us all by name, knows everything about us, and loves us *anyway*. Jesus calls us all by name, and welcomes us to the table of eternal life. Jesus will call all our loved ones by name again—those who have died—when he tells them to “rise up!” at the resurrection. Jesus will call our own names one day as well, when he greets us

in the garden, outside our own tombs. Today our special guest reminds us: death is not the end of our story; resurrection is.

This morning, may you hear that truth most of all – in the singing, in the preaching, in the sharing of a holy meal. Most of all: may you hear the voice of the Risen Christ, standing among you, calling your name.

Easter blessings to you,
+Pastor Cover

EASTER STEWARDSHIP: RESURRECTION RESET

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. -Romans 6:3-4

Christ is Risen! Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The triumphant words we cherish every Easter signal more than just Jesus' victory over the grave. They announce for us the end of deadness and the start of a new life, a fresh beginning, in our earthly pilgrimage. Jesus was raised from the dead so that we, too, might walk in newness of life.

From Jesus' resurrection, our lives take on a new trajectory, a turn away from the values and precepts of the world and toward the kingdom of God. As we journey, our lives progressively align with the purposes and mission of God.

For a steward-disciple of our Lord, the implications are many. As we walk in newness of life, we might find ourselves

+ Re-examining our relationship to “stuff” – our money, our possessions, the things that might have given us a sense of security or worth. Jesus is our security and our worth.

+ Drawing closer to family and friends. True wealth is measured by the love we give and receive. Our lives

effervesce with the love we receive from God.

+ Contributing more to church and charity. Jesus frees us from the grip that possessions have upon us. We can more freely give.
+ Gathering into our lives what Paul calls the fruits of the spirit. “Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23).

May your lives as steward-disciples take a resurrection reset. Christ is risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia!

–Rob Blezard
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Christ has Risen!



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Pastor Evan
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or
Vicar Susan
(717-497-1013)
directly if you need
pastoral assistance.

At Home Communion

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

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Need A Ride?

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

CREATION STAIN GLASS PANEL SILENT AUCTION

You will have the opportunity to bid on the Creation Stain Glass panels created by Pastor Evan until **Sunday, May 8** when the winners will be announced.

Starting bids for each panel is \$ 275.00 and bids must be in increments of \$ 10.00.
All proceeds will go to the Organ Fund.

Creation Series Stained Glass Panels



DAY ONE
Let there be light



DAY TWO -
Let there be a dome separating the waters from the waters



DAY THREE
Let there be trees bearing fruit with the seed in it



DAY FOUR
Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night



DAY FIVE
'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.'



DAY SIX
So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



DAY SEVEN
And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested.

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. Diane or Chris can let you know what the current bid amount is so you can make your bid.

EASTER LILY & TULIP SPONSORSHIPS

Easter Lily

In memory of my granddaughter, Bridgette -- Papaw Miller
In memory of our daughter and sister, Bridgett - Pam, Scott & Spencer Rickert
In memory of Greg & Paul - Nancy Whitcomb
In loving memory of John Titzel - Helen Titzel & Family
In honor and thankfulness of my children & grandchildren - Helen Titzel
In memory of my wife, Collette Little - G. R. Little
In memory of Charter Members Libby & Dick Barlup and brother, Ron - The Barlup Family
In honor of my parents, Dean & Beth Jury - Chris Jury

Easter Tulip

In honor of our mother & grandmother, Eileen Moore Hartzell - Her children & grandchildren
In loving memory of my parents & brother, Laury - Diane Brokenshire
In loving memory of Ann Cirillo - Diane Brokenshire
In memory of my husband, Jim - Pat Good
In celebration of my family - Pat Good
In honor of Vicki - Nancy Whitcomb
In honor of our children and grandchildren, Karen & Gene, Caitlyn & Nathan, Tricia & Eric, and Frankie & Leland - Bill & Sandy Robison
In memory of our parents, Dick & Jane Renshaw and Jack & Henrietta Robison - Bill & Sandy Robison
In honor of Pastor Cover, Curtis, Maddie & Miles. Thank you for the time you have served at Grace - Bill & Sandy Robison
In memory of Louis & Olive Aldridge - Debbie & John Aldridge
In memory of John F. Cross, Sr, June Cross and John F. Cross, Jr. - Debbie & John Aldridge
In loving memory of wife, mother & grandmother, Carol Barlup - The Barlup Family
In memory of my sister, Mingie - Jan Utter
In memory of my Mom & Dad - Jan Utter
In honor of my children and grandchildren - Eileen Moore Hartzell
In memory of my husband, Duane and our daughter, Gynilee - Janet Gordon
In memory of my grandparents - Richard & Pauline Jury and Dr. G. Winfield & Janet Yarnall - Chris Jury

We hold in prayer especially this week...

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 and Dean Jury .

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Eileen Moore Hartzell, Gladys Cline, Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Pastor Molly Haggerty, Gerald & Darlene M, 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) 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

- April
22-24 ALiVE
- 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.

YJG Schedule

- April
15 Family Service Event

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.

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. You can also contact the church office Monday - Thursday 8am - 12 noon at 717-737-0439.

LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION UPCOMING EVENTS



The Lutheran Camping Corporation is having an Earth Day Celebration at Camp Kirchenwald on **Sunday, April 24 from 2 - 6pm.**

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation: **CAMP!** An evening meal is included in the **\$15 fee.** All ages welcome. **CLICK HERE** to register for this event.

Senator's Baseball Night

The Lutheran Camping Corporation and the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Team invite your church family **May 13, 2022** to a night of fun and fellowship at FNB Field for our annual Lutheran Camping Night! **Click here to secure your tickets!**



Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Don't wait, sign up today for a summer camp program at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa. Programs are filling fast! Youth Camp, Family Camp, Elder Camp, Adult Camp....something for everybody! **CLICK HERE** for more information.

Work Days

Nawakwa - Saturday, April 30
Kirchenwald - Saturday, May 7
Help LCC get their sites ready for the summer season. Jobs available for all skill levels. Complimentary lunch for all volunteers. Please **RSVP** so enough food can be prepaid for lunch.



FROM THE PASTOR

Something surprising I learned in my workshop on "leaving well" - 80% of clergy leave within 2 years of a capital campaign or other large project. They pointed us to articles listing items- positive as well as negative- that can exhaust a pastor. I went through the list and could check nearly every box! (Capital campaign, adding worship service, staff changes, ...a pandemic...). That didn't even include the list they had for personal stressors: changes in health, birth of a child, death of a significant family member, etc. I had all those also. So: nine years was a long time considering!! Maybe you feel it was a short ministry, but based on all those clergy photos hanging in the library, it was the longest ministry since Pastor Mueller! That was 2001! (He and I talked about this!)

Also in the workshop, we were asked to think of any pastors we knew who stepped down from ministry, but kept good boundaries. I instantly thought of Dr. McCarney - a great model of leaving well, *and* he did it while remaining a member of the congregation (because he had retired from ministry). He had excellent boundaries - he wouldn't do pastoral acts, even if I asked him to please help me with a funeral! What a great model you have already had in "leaving well."

+Pastor Cover

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.

You can read more about Pastor Lois in her bio which will be in the April 24, 2022 newsletter. 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 Church Office will be closed Monday 4/18 for Easter

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Book Club

Our next book club meeting is on **Tuesday, April 19 at 7pm via Zoom**.

We will be discussing "These is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine, 1881-1901" by Nancy Turner.

Please contact Pastor Cover (pastorcover.gelc@gmail.com) for login information.

Also, the book has been selected for the May Book Club. We will be reading "The Hawthorne School" by Sylvie Perry.

Please note that Vicar Susan will be leading the book discussion in May so it will be held on Tuesday, May 31 at 7pm via zoom. Please contact Vicar Susan (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. April will be at Pizza Grille on Gettysburg Road

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**.

In April we are going to discuss Polarization. What it is, How does it affect us and what we can do about it.

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

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**

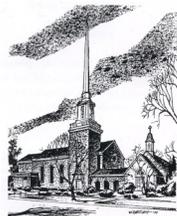
Hosts: Karen Galle & Susan Ryder

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

Host: Susan Ryder



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.

(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 17** are given by the Ray Miller Family in loving memory of Delores & in celebration of Ray's 93rd birthday today.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, April 17** is given by Diane Brokenshire in memory of my parents & brother, Laury.

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 to reserve a date before sending in payment.

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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