

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 22, 2022 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 16:15 – When Lydia and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.”

Hospitality and community go hand in hand. God opens Lydia's heart, and she opens her home to Paul and his companions. How can we show a wide welcome in our worshipping communities and to the neighborhoods around us?



Please contact
Pastor Evan
(717-497-3742)
or
Vicar Susan
(717-497-1013)
directly if you need
pastoral assistance.

Sponsorship Opportunities

To see available dates
[CLICK HERE](#) or check
the bulletin board by the
elevator.

*Special requests may be
made for dates not listed.
Contact 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 .

At Home Communion

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

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CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

This coming Sunday, May 22 will be our annual Church Music Sunday. It has been two years since we have been able to do this. The choirs are working hard to bring you their best. Please come out and support them and hear some good music proclaiming Christ's mission through music.

Thanks to Bonnie Barton for all her hard work in getting the piano music ready. Thanks to her for all of the good working relationship we have had these past years. It has been a gift to me to have such a good person to work with. That is very important for any music program.

Hope to see you Sunday!

Carolyn Houck
Director of Music



Save the Date

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12 immediately following the 9:30am worship service.

GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 22



“It is that time of year! We are so happy to send another graduating class on to the next step in their lives, yet it is so bittersweet. This senior class has shown some really great leadership in our youth group, church, community, synod and beyond! We are so proud of how they have used their leadership skills that God has given them! It is now time for them to share these gifts with the

broader world. Wherever they go I do believe they can share God's love with whomever comes into their lives, and for that I am very pumped!!” - Jesse Woodrow

Chaney Little Helman will be graduating from Cumberland Valley High School. She will be attending Penn State University.

Joel Ryder will be graduating from Red Land High School. He will be attending Penn State University. Joel plans to study Mechanical Engineering.

Kevin Budzinski will be graduating from Northern High School. He will be attending The City College of New York with a major in Computer Sciences. Kevin's future plans are to become a Data Scientist.

Jacob Hartman will be graduating from Cedar Cliff High School. He will be attending Dusquesne University studying Biochemistry.

Sydney Angus will be graduating from Cedar Cliff High School. She will be attending Bloomsburg University with a major in Chemistry. Sydney's future plans are to become a Forensic Pathologist.

Christian Vogelsong
Bennett Mellott

Postgraduate

Vicar Susan Scott will be graduating on May 20 from the United Lutheran Seminary with a Master's in Divinity. She is seeking a call within the Lower Susquehanna Synod as pastor.

SANCTUARY AC PROJECT

Our HVAC contractor has completed their work to update Grace's air conditioning system for the sanctuary. They have dismantled and removed the old air conditioning units, and have installed the new system. This new system will keep us cool, just in time for the springtime heat forecasted for later this week!

Mike Ryder
Property Board



New Music Ministers

Kristopher & Emily Hartman will begin as the new music ministers on **Sunday, June 5**.

If you wish to reach out to them with questions, concerns or thoughts you can do so at

K.E.Hartman11@gmail.com



Flat Jesus

What is Flat Jesus you may ask? Flat Jesus is based on the children's book Flat Stanly by

Jeff Brown. He is an image on 5x7 cardstock. You can pick up your Flat Jesus in the library. Decorate his clothes and take him along with you wherever you go this summer, whether it be to summer camp, the beach or Alaska, not only in a tangible way but in the way you live and serve in Jesus' name. 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!

MUSIC TOGETHER

Music holds power to bring us into community and create a place for all people. The congregation I serve is in the middle of the city. On a regular basis, we are joined in worship by neighbors who sometimes lack permanent housing and often deal with health challenges. Sometimes they are in need of food or other life essentials, but often they come to sing with other people in community. The music is balm for their weary souls, giving them respite from the many cares weighing on their minds and hearts.

Singing together in worship is not about talent. It's not about perfect or even beautiful voices. It's about coming together to worship God, to be transformed by the music into a place with space for everyone. Music, especially the music of beloved hymns and church music, is a gift from God that gives us a rest from our daily troubles. It focuses us on God's love and grace in a way that helps when words alone falter.

This message is excerpted from "Finding the rhythm of love" by Jordan Miller-Stubbendick in the May 2018 Gather magazine.

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR



Peace and joy to you as we continue to celebrate the gift of new life - now and in the life to come.

The first reading (Acts 16:9-15) for this Sixth Sunday of Easter is the story of Paul meeting Lydia in Philippi and baptizing her and her entire household. This story has always held a special place in my heart, but it was greatly enriched after my tour last October to Turkey and Greece, "In the Footsteps of Paul," with Philippi as one of the stops. The story offers several themes: the power of the Holy Spirit as it blocked and directed Paul and his companions to cross over to Macedonia, the power of purple cloth and the sea creatures who gave their lives to produce the purple dye, the power of gathering by the river for worship, the power of women in the early spread of the gospel, and the power of faith and new relationships - with God and with one another.

The ancient ruins of Philippi tell a story of a wealthy city, one that became a Roman colony

settled by army veterans, one where travelers from the East and the West passed through on the Via Egnatia - the major road which connected the area to the Adriatic Sea in the south and the Dardanelles in the north, one where four basilicas housed early Christians for worship. Outside the ancient ruins, near the river, there is an open baptistery in the form of a cross like those preserved in the early Christian basilicas in Philippi. This highly decorated building, in the style of Greek Orthodox architecture, contains intricate mosaics and paintings on the inside which tell the story of Paul's arrival and meeting Lydia. Each year on May 20, on the day of her memory, Saint Lydia rites of adult baptism are performed, down by the river.



Much has changed in the life of the Christian Church since Paul's visit to Philippi, but constants remain. We continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, and we carry forth the Jesus' commission, to teach and baptize in the name of the Triune God. On our faith journey in this 21st century, we travel on different kinds of roads (physical and the virtual highways), we gather in our "basilicas" to worship the Triune God, and as disciples of the Risen Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to tell the story of God's wonderful love and grace.

I am excited to begin a new journey with you, to meet you, to hear your stories and to explore the ways that Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church will tell this glorious story that started on that first Easter morning. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to stir us and to move us forward, always proclaiming the name of our Risen Lord and Savior.

Serving in the name of Christ,

Pastor Lois Van Orden

GUIDED BY LOVE TO SERVE: GROWING TOGETHER - MAY 2022
BY KIMBERLY KNOWLE-ZELLER FROM LIVING LUTHERAN MAY 3, 2022

Focal verse

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

Reflection

Every May I'm tempted to do all of the following: get outside, hike, picnic with friends, plant the garden, buy flowers, attend graduation parties, celebrate the end of the school year and eat as much ice cream as possible. The weather in the Midwest is beautiful this time of year, with lots of sunshine making the time ripe for being outside and connecting with others.

I tend to take a similar approach to faith formation with my children: incorporate the newest book in our reading time, find creative ways to pray, volunteer for every opportunity that comes up and attend every church service. But over the years, I've learned that doing *everything* most likely means that I'll end up *not* doing the things I actually want or need to do.

The current state of the world also has me feeling that I want to do as much as I can to help. Yet, with the ongoing devastation from the war [in Ukraine](#) and the ever-growing need for relief, for example, I'm feeling overwhelmed. How can I help? Not knowing what to do can sometimes lead to inaction.

I'm taking a cue from my children, however, who focus on one thing they love for a long period of time. As soon as the kids get a new book or toy, they settle in with that one item. My son loves his Lego set, building and rebuilding new creations and creating stories to go with them. My daughter loves activity books, coloring and writing on every page. We love to get outside as a family to walk and hike in nature. Perhaps the question of where to focus our energy can best be asked, "What do we love, and how can we use that love to [serve others](#)?"

What if I focused on the things we all love most and used that to guide how we spend our time and focus our energy on others? God's love invites us to love the people and places in front of us. When we love the world that God created, reaching out and serving our neighbors, we bring God's kingdom closer to earth. This month I encourage you to reflect on what you love and how that love can spur you to action.

Practices

Make a list of all the things you love to do as a family. Pick one thing and see how you can use that to help others. Like to cook and eat together as a family? Make an extra meal and share it with a neighbor who's going through a hard time. Like to write and draw? Send cards and words of encouragement to relief workers. Love to read? Research literacy organizations in your area to see how you can help. Like to go for walks? Bring along a trash bag and pick up litter in your neighborhood or park.

Service opportunity

Visit [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) and [Lutheran World Relief](#) and research ways you and your congregation can help support their work providing aid in emergencies and helping families restore their lives.

Prayers

We pray for peace among countries.

We pray for the small daily acts of service done in love for others.

We pray that God's love will be known by those experiencing hardship.

We pray for relief organizations and nonprofits.

We give thanks for books, games and toys experienced together with family.

We give thanks for the light and warmth of the sun.

We give thanks for neighbors caring for one another.

COUNCIL CORNER

Council approved eight individuals to be received as new members on May 15, 2022.

Council voted to hire Kristopher and Emily Hartman as Music Director and Organist, respectively, as of June 1, 2022.

Plans were made for celebrations and gifts for staff that are leaving in May and June: Carolyn Houck, Bonnie Barton, and Vicar Susan Scott.

Mike Youse will represent Grace at Synod Assembly.

Council is still seeking at least four potential candidates to serve on council for the next term which will begin July 1, 2022 and will be voted upon at the June Congregational meeting.

The Congregational meeting was rescheduled for June 12, 2022 so that Pastor Lois Van Orden can be in attendance.

Karen Galle
Secretary



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

Ever 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.



We hold in prayer especially this week...

Sandy Yetter, Russ Weber, Barry Fenicle, 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, 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.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: MAY 31

There has been a change to the final Tuesday Bible Study this spring. Instead of the Book of Jude 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.

Note: Tuesday Bible Study will then go on hiatus for the summer and resume sometime in September 2022.

Did You Know....

- ♦ **May 21** is [Armed Forces Day](#). President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force days. The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense and is observed on the third Saturday in May.
- ♦ In 1933, Congress designated **May 22** as [National Maritime Day](#). On this day in 1819, the "first successful transoceanic voyage under steam propulsion" began when the steamship S.S. Savannah set sail from Savannah, Georgia. This holiday recognizes the efforts of the U.S. merchant marine during both war and peace.



6/2	Shawn Towsley	6/15	William Boor
6/4	Kami Labell Jessica Zettel	6/17	Tracey Alfano-Douty Julia Freimuth Alan Gabel Ann Hawkins Jocelyn Little
6/5	David Hurst Barbara Miles	6/18	Dean Jury Andrew Labell Pamela Rickert Scott Rickert
6/6	Cathy Muraco	6/19	Suzanne "Sudy" Stoll Docoline Stroud Kathryn Vollmer William Youse
6/7	Sean Allewelt Sarah Easton Joan Harman David Latsha	6/20	William Blair Darlene Cline
6/9	Scott Barlup Penelope Brosius Charles Buchanan Debbie McNamara Virginia Myers Richard Storey Addison Weber	6/21	Lauren Hyde
6/10	Marti Bert Jennifer Heverling	6/22	Derek Behney Jennifer Caron Janet Utter
6/11	Greggory Saggors	6/23	Richard Keen Chloe Meador Craig Robbins Sasha Shenck
6/12	Henry Angus, III	6/24	Connie Flook Nolan Stopfel
6/13	Molly Musselman	6/25	Denise Ozimok
6/14	Sarah Allewelt Daniel Ehresman Isabella Weber Kim Yoffee	6/26	Matthew Lebo Louis Stapf
		6/27	Cooper Miller Madison Snyder
		6/29	Mary Bernstein Thomas Gribb Lois Kohnlein Kenneth Miller
		6/30	Kyle Flook

DISH of the month



Orange You Glad

Ingredients:

3 - Navel Oranges
Vanilla Extract
6 oz. - 0% Plain Greek yogurt
Orange Marmalade

Directions:

Peel and slice three navel oranges. Set aside.
Mix 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract with 6 oz. 0% plain Greek yogurt. Set aside.

Microwave 2 tbs. orange marmalade until pourable, approximately 10 - 15 seconds.

Divide orange slices among 4 plates. Top each slice with a dollop of yogurt and a drizzle of marmalade.

Enjoy!



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** Tuesdays at 1:00pm 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.

May 24: Herodias & Herodias and Priscilla, Phoebe, Lydia & Rhoda

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.

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.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12 noon on Tuesdays.** Email to deppengelc@gmail.com

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.

Men of Grace

Join us on **the third Thursday in June at 6pm via zoom.** We will be discussing the churches' role in society.

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

Center Stage Opera

Center Stage Opera presents A Rossini/Verdi Gala at **7:30pm on Friday, May 27 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.**

The cost is \$10 students/ \$25 Adult. **Credit cards/ Debit cards are not accepted.**



GYG Schedule

May
22 Graduation Sunday
Last GYG Night

June
19-25 Confirmation Camp

July
23-29 LutheranHANDS
Mission trip to
Minneapolis, MN

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full 2021 - 2022 GYG Schedule.



Cedar Cliff Chorale Spring Concert

The Cedar Cliff Chorale spring concert will be held here at Grace on **May 25 at 7pm.** The concert will last about 45 minutes.

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, May 22** are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, May 22** 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.

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

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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