

Pastor's Points: Change. Ugh. There's that word again. Let's try this.... CHANGE!!!! (Now, wasn't that better?) Grace's Discernment/Transition Team continues to be hard at work, identifying the wonderful things at Grace that need to stay the same & analyzing the community and culture to determine what things need to change for the sake of our mission here in Spring-Ford. Be watching for opportunities to hear about their discoveries & progress and also YOUR opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas in small group meetings. In the midst of it all, we celebrate that we have a God whose love for us never changes, and yet, loves us too much to keep us unchanged!



Please join us in the coming weeks to be a part of discerning the next steps in our congregation's mission... how will we live out our ministry priorities and what will staffing look like to help us do that? Questions? Please talk to Jackie Perry (Discernment Team chair) or any member of the team: Jack Claypotch, Phil Coath, Kurt Meyers, Judy Stryker, Tina Meredith, and Kim Weaner.

From The Deacon

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly father is perfect."

Our Christian tradition has a long history of prayer and practices for healing, beginning with Jesus himself. Jesus spent so much of his time healing that it is hard to separate his ministry from that.

Healing for Jesus was not simply about making healthy. Healing and health are not necessarily the same things, although gratefully sometimes they are.

For Jesus, healing was about making the person whole. And in scripture, the word used for that was "perfect." Something that was perfect was whole. It was complete.

God's desire for us is that very thing. To be made whole.

On July 3rd at 7:00 pm we begin the first of monthly services of Healing and Wholeness. It is a time set apart to listen for God's voice, to be comforted, and to have our spirits lifted up even in the midst of difficult times. We hope that this time of peace and reflection will be meaningful to you, whether the healing you seek is for yourself, for a loved one, or even for the world itself.

Feel free to bring a friend and join us for this time of contemplation and respite.

Peace!

~ Allison

JULY & AUGUST 2018 WORSHIP SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS



Sun., July 1—Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

Tues., July 3—7:00PM Healing Service: Sanctuary

Sat., July 7—Prayer Vigil, 10AM-4PM: Sanctuary

Sun., July 8—Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30-10:30 Intergenerational Book Study: Welcome Center
or Children's Choir: Social Hall

Grace's VBS. July 8th - 12th from 6pm - 8pm. Dinner at 5:30pm

Sun., July 15—Eighth Sunday of Pentecost/Baptism Sunday

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Book Study or Children's Choir

Tues., July 17—Church Council Reports Due

Sun., July 22—Ninth Sunday of Pentecost/Church Music Sunday

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Book Study or Children's Choir

July 22-30 Deacon Allison on Vacation

Tues., July 24—7:00PM—Council Meeting: Parlor

Sun., July 29—Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Book Study or Children's Choir

July 30-August 6 Pastor Kraus on Vacation

Sun., August 5—Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Book Study or Children's Choir

Tues., August 7—7:00PM Healing Service: Sanctuary

August 10-12 Intergenerational Mission Trip

Sun., August 12—Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost/Baptism Sunday

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Book Study or Children's Choir

Sun., August 19—Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

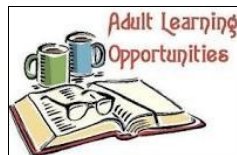
Sun., August 26—Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Book Study or Children's Choir

Sunday AM Adult Faith Formation - - -

Our regular adult classes have come to an end. Watch for our summer intergenerational faith formation opportunities beginning on July 8th! (You'll want to be there!)

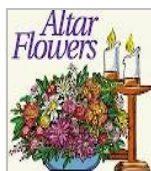
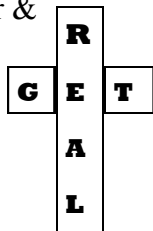


Faith First: Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7am, at The Main St Café for breakfast and devotions. All are welcome to the group that loves being fed in body and spirit!

Holy Grounds: When was your last “aha” moment while reading the Bible? If it’s been awhile, then it’s time to come to bible study! Come join us for an “aha” moment or two (or more!) on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 in the parlor (lower level of church – room 5). See you there!



Get REAL! Join us Monday, July 2nd at 6:30pm, for dinner & faith discussion, at Giovanni’s in Royersford. This monthly group enjoys great conversation about topics that matter most in our lives. The topic this month: “Reincarnation”. If interested, please **RSVP to Angela Feist by July 1st**, at 570-498-5986 or anchoredinhope@aol.com.



We have many sponsorships open for 2018, including Flowers, Bulletins and more; call the office (610-948-3684) to find out more.

The monthly newsletter & church info is always available, anytime, on our website at www.gracelutheranroyersford.com.

Upcoming Events

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Save the date – JULY 8TH-12TH

During the week of VBS from 6:15 to 7:45 pm, we will be hosting at Grace an Interfaith series with “neighbor” speakers from other faith traditions. Sign ups are available here through the VBS online sign-up:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/8749ad>

Or you can sign up through a flyer that will be forthcoming.



We have many ways for you to serve; everyone should serve in some way. Which will you chose?

- Bulletin Helpers** (about 1 hour on Thursdays, once a month or so)
- Office Volunteers** (answer phone & greet visitors when Phyllis is off)
- Faith full Families** (leads this short service for families with young children)
- Ushers** (help collect offering during worship services)
- Readers** (read the lessons during worship services)
- Greeters** (greet folks attending worship, as they arrive & hand out bulletins)
- Counting Team** (help count offerings, Sunday after worship)
- Communion Assistants** (help serve communion during worship)
- Children’s Sermon** (talk to children about the message, during 10:45 service)
- Tot Spot** (help care for the young children, during worship)
- Children’s Church** (do stories, games, etc. with K-2, during 10:45 worship)
- Tech Table** (run the power point & technology during worship services)
- Trustees** (open & close the church for services, 1 month per year)
- Altar Guild** (sets up the altar paraments, communion, etc., 1 month per year)

As you can see, it takes many volunteers to make our church work and our services to run smoothly. Most volunteer opportunities require little time & training and take place during worship (you’re here anyway, why not help). Call the Church Office for more info on any of these ways to serve; we’ll get you connected!

Prayer Chain Reminder - Please contact Jan Slack (prayer chain coordinator), 610-948-3539 or mjkk13539@comcast.net with your prayer concerns for the Prayer List. The weekly Ledger prayers will be kept to the new, more short term & immediate prayer needs of the church & community.



Prayer Lists are available on the back windowsill in the Narthex & in the pew racks. Please take a list home with you to enhance your daily devotions & prayer life; also use it to help you prepare your heart for worship with prayer. Prayer lists name our concerns & thanksgivings and are a way to stay connected to God & to the needs of others.



If you miss the opportunity to stop by one of the prayer stations, there is now a "prayer box" located in the narthex. Please complete the prayer request slip, place it in the box & the Stephen Ministers will pray for you. These can be anonymous or if you prefer you can include your name. Remember everything with & through the Stephen Ministry remains confidential. Always know we are here for you! In Christ's great love, your Stephen Ministry.

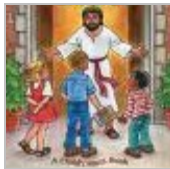
Children are welcome in all of our worship services at Grace!

The Tot Spot is lovingly & skillfully supervised by Mrs. Ellen Jones, where we provide childcare on Sunday mornings for both services, for parents who are worshipping with us. Children ages 5 and under may join us in room E08 of the Education Building.

Please Note: Tot Spot available at the 10:45 Service Only Until 9/9

Children's Church is for children in KG - 2nd grade, during the 10:45 worship service & is run by volunteers who do stories, games & crafts during the lessons and sermon time. Interested children go with the volunteer waiting in the narthex, after the children's sermon & return to parents in the sanctuary, during the prayers.

Parents – please make sure your child is in the age-appropriate place!



YOUTH NEWS!!!

Summer Program: July 8th all are invited to join us for a book study on the book Wonder. July 8th - August 19th, from 9:30-10:30am in the Welcome Center! Please read pages 1-106 before July 8th. All ages are invited. BUT if your little one is not interested, please join us for children's choir starting July 8th with Miss Brenda! You will be learning some VBS songs and preparing a song to sing in worship on Sun. Sept. 9th!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR starts July 8th and continues every other Sunday (July 22nd, August 5th, and August 12th) for any children and youth who would like to learn 3 songs for the summer. You will get to sing in church on Sept. 9th for 10:45am service!



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Grace Lutheran Youth Group
"Like" us to see recent news & events



Grace Lutheran Church Scholarship Forms for Lutheran Summer Camps will be available again this year. Please stop by the church office, call or email to request a form. To be considered for a Summer Camp Scholarship from Grace, fill out the form & submit it **to the church office, by Aug. 31st**. Scholarships will be awarded in the fall; amounts awarded depend on scholarship money available & number of applications received. Only one church scholarship per camper, per year will be awarded. Checks will be mailed directly to the address listed on the form, sometime in the fall.



Come & learn how we are rescued by God as we're shipwrecked for a week at Grace's VBS.

July 8th - 12th from 6pm - 8pm.

We offer dinner at 5:30pm. Please register at:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/gracelutheranvbs2018>



JULY Prayer Focus

1. Having humor in your life/ International Joke Day
2. Our memory/ I Forgot Day
3. Equality for all/Civil Rights Act 1964
4. The brave men and women who fought for our freedom/Independence Day
5. Prayer of thankfulness for all we have
6. Love/ International Kissing Day
7. Pleasures of God's world/Chocolate Day
8. Republicans/Republican party formed in 1854
9. Summer VBS fun /prayers for all attending
10. Picnics/Teddy Bear Picnic Day
11. All those who are suffering loneliness / Cheer Up the Lonely Day
12. Vision/Different Colored Eyes Day
13. Intelligence/ Embrace Your Geekness Day
14. Participation of Christian activities/ Anti-boredom Month
15. Animals/Cow Appreciation Day
16. Giving hugs / Hug Week
17. Our uniqueness/Fingerprints first used as id in 1858
18. Floral beauty / Chryssanthemum Day
19. Marital harmony/Flicht Day
20. God's creation of the moon/1st moonwalk, Neil Armstrong 1969
21. Enjoying God's creation
22. Parents/National Parent's Day
23. Those who feel forgotten by God
24. Cousins / Cousins' Day
25. Those who lack hope
26. Finding a happy medium/All or Nothing day
27. Korean War veterans/Korean War Veterans' Armistice Day 1953
28. Accountants at Grace/Accountants' Day
29. God's creation/Rain Day
30. Our father-in-laws/Father-in-law Day
31. Inventors/First us patent 1790

AUGUST Prayer Focus

1. Our sisters at Grace/National Girl-friend's Day
2. Grace's artists/American Artist Appreciation Month
3. Families/American Family Day
4. Clowns/National Clown Week
5. Enjoyment of summer weather/Summer Olympics begin
6. Wonderful worship at Grace
7. Forgiveness/ International Forgiveness Day
8. Our eyes and vision/ Eye Exam Month
9. Sons & daughters /Sons & Daughters Day
10. A beautiful summer weekend
11. Preventative medicine/Immunization Awareness Mont
12. Happiness/Smile Week
13. Left-handers / International Left Hander's Day
14. Peace/Japan surrendered 1945, end of WWII
15. Relaxing/National Relaxation Day
16. Friends/Friendship Week
17. Those who struggle with temptation
18. Care of creation/Homeless Animal Day
19. Vegetables/Potato Day
20. College students returning to school
21. Helping God/Be an Angel Day
22. That all may hear and follow God's word
23. Those who are traveling
24. Teachers preparing for a new school year
25. Those who argue/Kiss and Make-up Day
26. Women/Women's Equality Day
27. Hospitality to visitors
28. Visions and dreams/Dream Day
29. Our missionaries Steven and Marta
30. Inventors/Inventors' Month
31. The Christian church around the world



About Prayer/ Summer of 2018

Jack and I went to a recent Limerick Historical Society meeting and there was a speaker on the Grange. (The Patrons of Husbandry, or the **Grange**, was founded in 1867 to advance methods of agriculture, as well as to promote the social and economic needs of **farmers** in the United States.)

What I found interesting were the prayers that the grange uses in their meetings. Doris Callow of LHS gave me a copy of the opening and closing prayers. As you read, think of ways you can use this prayer in your company or at home with your gardens ,or examples of how our behavior should be.

OPENING: Almighty Father, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and Giver of all good, we return our heartfelt thanks that we are permitted again to meet each other here for work in this glorious cause. Endow us with prudence and wisdom in our counsels as a body, that our work may be good and acceptable in Thy sight, and our labors may be blessed with a liberal harvest; and when we are called to lay down our implements on earth, may we enter the Paradise not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and receive that welcome plaudit: "Well done good and faithful servants."

We beseech Thee to bless the officers and members of this Grange, and all connected with the order, from the highest to the lowest degree, and grant them prosperity. We ask all in Thy Holy name.

Closing: Brothers and sisters as we are again to separate, and mingle with the world, let us not forget the precepts of our Order. Let us add dignity to labor, and in our dealings with our fellow men be honest, be just, and fear not. We must avoid intemperance in eating, drinking, and language; also in work and recreation; and whatever we do, strive to do well. Let us be quiet, peaceful citizens, feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and the widows, and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world.

For the summer season keep these prayers in mind, when you try to set up a summer discipline. In the June LIVING LUTHERAN 2018 Vernon Jones speaks of beginning a prayer ritual which will bring a sense of peace and bring new life into your soul. He reminds us of Martin Luther's feeling of when you make time to pray it is as essential as breathing. We must put exertion into our prayer lives. When we are intentional in our prayer The Spirit opens our hearts to God's love helping us to be more receptive to further opportunities for growth.

**Prayer Vigils are on Saturdays: 7/7 & 8/4 in the sanctuary.
Please come in the front door.
Have a prayerful summer!! Sue Perry**

July/Aug. 2018 Worship Assistants Trustees: J. Campbell/J. Curran

Communion Asst.:

7/1: 8:00 Joe Curran, Ken & Jan Slack, Mike & Rita Walter
10:45 J. Mizas-Floyd, T. Meredith, M. Finnegan, T. Bracale & T. Sheehan
7/8: 8:00 Marie James, Dave Fritz, Danielle Lau, Brittany Staub & Rich Aust
10:45 D. Feist, T. Sheehan, T. Meredith, Amy & Barbara Baratucci
7/15: 8:00 J. Campbell, R. Harshaw, J. Perry, K. Parker & D. Wanamaker
10:45 K. Meyers, S. McMullan, M. Finnegan, Deb & Mac Fritz
7/22: 8:00 Debbie Moore, Joe & Deb Kamertz, Susan & Dave Firering
10:45 Will Moyer, Karen Brown, Tracey Bracale, Danny & Mandy Gonzalez
7/29: 8:00 Marie James, Rose Nixon, Glenn Peak, Judy Stryker & Zach Miller
10:45 K. Weaner, C. Nimmerichter, D. Lewis, J. Snyder & K. Fretz
8/5: 8:00 Joe Curran, Ken & Jan Slack, Mike & Rita Walter
10:45 David Mull, Gary & Celeste Peteritas, Shawn & Margie Alloway
8/12: 8:00 Judy Stryker, Dave Fritz, Kurt Meyers, Brittany Staub & Richard Aust
10:45 C. Marchesani, K. Mills, C. Ferguson, R. Troiano & A. Baratucci
8/19: 8:00 J. Campbell, R. Harshaw, J. Perry, K. Parker & D. Wanamaker
10:45 Barbara Baratucci, Mike & Trish McGarry, Mindy & Phil Coath
8/26: 8:00 Debbie Moore, Joe & Deb Kamertz, Susan & Dave Firering
10:45 J. Mizas-Floyd, T. Meredith, M. Finnegan, T. Bracale & D. Fritz

Acolytes/Crucifers & Torch Bearers

7/1: 8:00 James F./Pooja A. 10:45 Connor F./Grace B.
7/8: 8:00 Kiersten I./Christopher F. 10:45 Ryan F./Ryan F.
7/15: 8:00 Ashley R./Ashley R. 10:45 Eric M./Gavin S.
7/22: 8:00 Sam L./Sam L. 10:45 Kenny B./Kenny B.
7/29: 8:00 Gracyn M./Alaina M. 10:45 Aiden O./Gavin S.
8/5: 8:00 Pooja A./Lily C. 10:45 Connor F./Connor F.
8/12: 8:00 Gracyn M./Kiersten I. 10:45 Grace B./Eric M.
8/19: 8:00 Ashley R./Ashley R. 10:45 Ryan F./Kenny B.
8/26: 8:00 James F./Christopher F. 10:45 Sam L./Aiden O.



Counting Teams: **7/1:** Team E, Denise Staub **7/8:** Team F, Patty Esslinger
7/15: Team G, Kurt Meyers **7/22:** Team H, John Fraunfelter
7/29: Team A, Mike McGarry **8/5:** Team B **8/12:** Team C, Ken Slack
8/19: Team D, Will Moyer **8/26:** Team E, Denise Staub

Tech Table: **7/1:** 8:00 Fritz 10:45 Barbara **7/8:** 8:00 Gene 10:45 Dan
7/15: 8:00 Ken 10:45 David Mull **7/22:** 8:00 John 10:45 Jim
7/29: 8:00 Gene 10:45 David Mull **8/5:** 8:00 John 10:45 Barbara
8/12: 8:00 Gene 10:45 Dan **8/19:** 8:00 John 10:45 David Mull
8/26: 8:00 Ken 10:45 Jim

Altar Guild: Joe & Debbie Kamertz /Patty Esslinger & Debbie Fritz

Greeters

7/1: 8:00 Judy Stryker/Mike & Rita Walter
10:45 Dan & Angela Feist/Tom Sheehan
7/8: 8:00 Jean Peterman & Tammy Epprecht/Mark & Patty Esslinger
10:45 Bud & Tina Meredith/Peggy Kiefer
7/15: 8:00 Terry Piersol/Julie Riecher
10:45 Shawn & Margie Alloway/Debbie Armstrong
7/22: 8:00 Joe & Martha Curran/Dave & Susan Firering
10:45 Darrell & Karen Lewis/Carol Ferguson
7/29: 8:00 John & Denise Staub/Dave & Susan Firering
10:45 Bev & Skip Meitzler/Suzanne O'Neill
8/5: 8:00 Mary Steiner/Phil & Julie Plotts
10:45 Dan & Angela Feist/Renee Holdsworth
8/12: 8:00 Rick & Anne Pennypacker/Dennis Stuckey
10:45 Darrell & Karen Lewis/Marianne Claypotch
8/19: 8:00 John & Hilde Holms/Gladys Pouchan
10:45 Tom Sheehan & John Kraiss/Judy Lukens
8/26: 8:00 Glenn Peak/Murray & Elaine O'Cain & Karlee
10:45 Bev & Skip Meitzler/Suzanne O'Neill

Readers: **7/1:** 8:00 B. Staub 10:45 T. Meredith
7/8: 8:00 D. Kamertz 10:45 C. Nelson **7/15:** 8:00 J. Perry 10:45 S. McMullan
7/22: 8:00 K. Meyers 10:45 D. Fritz **7/29:** 8:00 D. Mahaney 10:45 C. Butler
8/5: 8:00 M. Rehrer 10:45 G. Marchesani
8/12: 8:00 M. James 10:45 A. Lacey **8/19:** 8:00 D. Kamertz 10:45 S. Leonard
8/26: 8:00 A. Pennypacker 10:45 P. Lebow

Tot Spot: Summer Tot Spot Schedule 10:45 Only **7/1:** Amy Baratucci
7/8: OPEN **7/15:** Debbie Armstrong **7/22:** Jennifer Ruiz **7/29:** Kim Fretz
8/5: Mandy Gonzalez **8/12:** OPEN **8/19:** OPEN **8/26:** Amy Baratucci

Children's Sermons: **7/1:** S. McMullan **7/8:** J. Lukens **7/15:** D. Lewis
7/22: J. Claypotch **7/29:** K. Hlavac **8/5:** B. Johnson **8/12:** S. McMullan
8/19: J. Lukens **8/26:** D. Lewis

Ushers: **7/1:** Team 2 **7/8:** Team 3, D. Fritz **7/15:** Team 4, J. Bauer
7/22: Team 5, K. Meyers **7/29:** Team 6, J. Groff
8/5: Team 1, R. Pennypacker
8/12: Team 2 **8/19:** Team 3, D. Fritz **8/26:** Team 4, J. Bauer

**No Faith Full Families or Children's Church
through the summer.**

