

September 2024 Graceful Greetings





SEPTEMBER 2024 WORSHIP SERVICES

If you prefer to worship online, our services can be found on our website under the "Worship" tab & on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Sun., September 1, 15th Sunday After Pentecost/One Service at 9:30am Sun., September 8, 16th Sunday After Pentecost/2 Services-8:15&10:30/Kelsey's Last Sunday Sun., September 15, 17th Sunday After Pentecost/1 Service at 9:30am/Pastoral Candidate Preaches Sun., September 22nd, 18th Sunday After Pentecost—Return to 2 Services at 8:15 & 10:30am Sun., September 29th, 19th Sunday After Pentecost

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CONGREGATION.

Please plan on joining us on Sunday, September 15th for one service at 9:30am, to hear the Call Committee & Council's recommended Pastoral candidate preach. Members will then vote on extending the call to the candidate. Following the results of the vote all are invited to stay for a lunch to hopefully celebrate beginning a new chapter in the life of Grace Lutheran Church.





Royersford Community Day is approaching...Sept. 7, from 10:00am - 3:00pm! Grace will be participating by holding a packing for the community to participate in. The community will help pack bags for First Responders. Each bag will contain items such as granola & protein bars, cheese crackers, gum, candy & hydration packs. Thank you to the members of Grace for supporting these local heroes. If you are not

able to volunteer, but plan on attending Community Day, stop in, say hello & pack a bag!

Lorraine's Hearing Fund (created to provide financial assistance to members of Grace who have a hearing impairment), will take applications for those in need of equipment/devices, education, or technology. Awards up to \$2,500 each will be considered for applicants. To apply, email Roxanne Troiano (rmtroiano@verizon.net) & she will either email or mail you an application (whichever is best for the applicant). All applications are due by October 31, 2024. Applicants will be notified in November of eligibility and the amount of the award. Please direct questions to Roxanne Troiano.





From the Deacon's Desk:

At the time I am writing this we are without a pastor and are in a new kind of transition. Hopefully by the time you read this you will know that our wonderful call committee has recommended someone to council and council unanimously voted to extend a call to this person. Kurt Meyers has updated us all on where we go from here.

Meanwhile, as we wait, during this time of transition our conference Dean, Pastor Chris McKinstry from St. James in Limerick, has been working to try to secure us a bridge pastor. As of today (August 15th), he has not had success.

In the meantime, here is what you can expect for pastoral coverage at Grace:

- For September worship, on Sept. 15th we will hear the candidate for Pastor preach and vote on the official call.

- Supply pastors have been scheduled for Sept. 8th & 29th. We'll have communion on those days. On the 8th, we will also say farewell to Kelsey, with a lunch after the late service.

- I will be leading worship on September 1st and 22nd. We will not have communion on those days. On 9/1, we will have "Christmas in September" and sing some of our favorite Christmas Carols (since we don't ever get to sing all of them at Christmas time). And on 9/22, we will have the laying on of hands/anointing during worship.

- Should it become necessary, I will schedule supply pastors for October. Dates TBD.

In terms of pastoral care in the congregation, a team of volunteers has offered to help me out with visitations. Funeral/memorial services without communion will still be able to happen (although we certainly hope they won't need to!)

For the time being, I ask for your prayers and your patience. Without a pastor and with Kelsey leaving, I may at times be stretched a little thin. There are some things that will have to be put on hold for the time being, including some visits and adult formation opportunities I won't be able to do.

I have appreciated all the offers of support I have received! Thank you! As always, if you have questions or concerns or ways to help during this transition, please contact me at deaconallison12@gmail.com.

Peace on the journey, Deacon Allison

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING SUNDAY—Sun., October 20, 2024 One Combined Worship at 9:30am Stewardship Theme for 2024: "Commitment"



Bible Verse: <u>1 Kings 8:61</u> - "And may your hearts be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time."

Commitment: "The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc..

We make commitments to each other as friends, family & spouses. We also make a commitment to God! To praise him, to talk to him, to pray to him and have a relationship with him.

Please join us at the combined worship service on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 9:30am, as we make our financial commitments for 2025. We will also be having a Brunch afterward to thank the congregation for all of their support and efforts.

You will soon be seeing a letter, as well as Estimate of giving cards for 2025 & reservation slips for the brunch to fill out. Please be sure to help us by filling these cards & slips out and returning to the church.

Thank you! Stewardship, Tammy Epprecht

YOUTH NEWS

Mark your Calendars for September 8th!

3-year-old, 3rd grade & 7th grade Bible giveaway during 10:30am worship on 9/8! Confirmation Orientation in Sanctuary at 9:30am, 9/15

G.R.A.C.E. Place starts classes on Sunday, October 6th at 9:30am! G.R.A.C.E. Place programming will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month for preschool through 6th grade! Confirmation will have class every Sunday.

High School Youth - Details are still being worked out for our high school youth - keep your eves out for a snail mail letter with all the details and dates!



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

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 8th, for a Farewell Lunch for Kelsey and her family. Kelsey has touched



a lot of families at Grace and she is truly going to be missed. The Chris Ed team would like to celebrate her for all she has done for us, with a Farewell Lunch on the 8th, after the 2nd Service, in the Social Hall. We will be having a Pasta Bar & desserts donated by the congregation. We'll also have a poster for everyone to sign, for her to hang in her new home. Please RSVP to Julie Boyer, with how many will be attending the lunch. If you would like to help the Chris Ed team with this please let me know.

Super Easy Way to Serve God, Grace & Others! Are you looking for some simple way to serve locally? If so, this is the opportunity for you! Four (4) times per year, during the week, Grace Church partners with Project Outreach and helps in their food pantry. We assist them from 9:15-noon; just under 3 hours each time, only 4 days per year. If you can spare a few hours, once, a couple or all 4 times to help serve the local community, please contact Peg Shiley at mhshiley@gmail.com or 610-948-9274.





Fellowship Fun (3rd Tues of the Month) - Starting Sept 17th at 1pm, in the All Purpose Room, we will play cards & boardgames. Come strengthen your brain & laugh with friends.

Stay "connected" wherever you go! We're all over social media!!

Website: www.gracelutheranroyersford.com **Email:** gracelutrn@verizon.net YouTube Channel: gracelutheranroyersford **Instagram search:** grace.lutheran.royersford Facebook search: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church **Twitter search:** @gracelutheran12

Check Out These Ways to Support Your Faith Journey

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities—Sunday Mornings at 9:15am



- Richard Harshaw's group meets weekly, between services, in the Choir Room (L04),. We will have topical discussions focusing on faith, truth & fellowship and how these have made our lives better.

- Judy Stryker will lead a study on "Women of the Bible" - Abigail, Gomer, Rizpah: What do you know about these women of the Bible? Are their stories relevant to our lives? Join us at 9:30 on Sunday, in the parlor, to understand who these women are and how they relate to us today.

Bible Study Groups—begin again on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 pm via Zoom and Thursday, September 12th at 10:00 am in the Parlor (L05). Between now and the end of the year we will be looking at the first part of the Book of Acts. Now would be a great time to join us if you've been thinking about being part of a Bible Study. No experience necessary!



If you'd like to attend the Monday evening Zoom, contact Deacon Allison at deaconallison12@gmail.com and she'll send you the link.

FAITH FIRST Faith First Will Continue in the Fall! Join us for breakfast fellowship at Main Street Café on the last Wednesday each month, at 8am.

Women's Retreat—The Women's Retreat scheduled for October 12th has been postponed and will hopefully be rescheduled in the Spring.

Interested in joining Grace? Please contact Deacon Allison at <u>deaconallison12@gmail.com</u>, to learn more about membership at Grace.

Caring Crafters meet on Wednesdays in the All Purpose Room 10am-11:30am. Our group: Does simple crafts in service to our church community.
We make & send cards to our homebound, Grace staff or Grace family members. Color to relax or Bring any crafts you may be working on!
We finish each session with prayers for our family, country & members at Grace.
If you have some time, on a Wednesday morning, join us for fellowship & friendship. All ages welcome. Come when you can. We don't take attendance!! Join us for continued socializing with lunch at our local diner afterwards! Any questions?? call Sue Perry 610-310-4915 or email srperry19@me.com





Our Prayer List Coordinator is Becky Leonard. Becky helps keep our church family connected & growing, through her willingness to take your prayer requests. Please contact Becky or send any prayer requests to her at bellpn@aol.com or you can call the church office at 610-948-3684 and leave a message. Thanks for sharing your joys & concerns and praying for others.

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pent 15—Hymn Sing	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	9	7
(No communion)	(Office Closed)		Staff meeting 11am			
9:30 Worship			10-11:30-Crafters:			10am-2nm - Roversford
			APR	7-8:30p– BS Troop		Community Day
				#706: SH		
		Email blast	7:00pm-AA: Parlor		Website update	
8 Pent 16—Rev. Guider	9	10 Council Reports Due	11	12	13	14
Kelsey's last Sunday			10-11:30-Crafters:			
2 Worship Services	Staff meeting	6:30-8pm - Troop	APR			
8:15am Traditional Worship	11am	71032: APR		7-8:30p- BS Troop		
9:15am Ministry Madness			7:00pm-AA: Parlor	#706: SH		
11:30am Kelsey's lunch: SH		Email blast			Website update	
15 Pent 17	16 Newsletter	17	18	19	20	21
Pastoral Candidate to Preach	Deadline	1pm - 3rd Tues.	Staff meeting 11am			
One Service at 9:30am Followed by call vote & results		Card Club: APR	10-11:30-Crafters:			
Followed by lunch in the SH		Jam Council Monting:		7 0.30% DC Troop		
		7pm Council Meeting:		7-8:30p- BS Troop		
		Parlor	6:30-9pm - Troop	#706: SH		
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		Email blast	7:00pm-AA: Parlor		Website update	
22 Pent 18—DA/Healing	23	24	25	26	27	28
(No communion)			10-11:30-Crafters:			
8:15am Traditional Worship		6:30-8pm—Troop	APR	7-8:30p- BS Troop		
9:15am Faith Formation		71032: APR		#706: SH		
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		Email blast			Website update	
29 Pent 19—Rev. Carlson	30					Deacon off—Sun., 9/29
8:15am Traditional Worship 9:15am Faith Formation						
10:30am Contemporary Worship						

September Worship Assistants

Trustee—Joe Kamertz

<u>Altar Guild Team</u>—Trish McGarry and Karen Thomson, and fillers.



	One Service/9:30							
	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29			
Counting 7	<u>leams</u>							
	Esslinger & Esslinger	Matzke & Harshaw	Meyers & Troiano	Brown & Henson	Fraunfelter & Epprecht			
Reader(s) 9:30 8:15 10:30	D. Lewis	B. Fretz W. Moyer	K. Patel	B. Matzke M. Salamor	A. Pennypacker ne M. Satryan			
<u>Children's</u> 9:30 10:30	<u>Sermon</u> Kelsey	Kelsey	Darrell	Tina	Jack			
Tech Table 9:30 8:15 10:30	Rick	Jackie Jim	Austin	Jackie Dave	Jackie Rick			
Communion Assistants9/1—9:30K. Mills, W. Moyer, K. Patel & K. Thomson9/8—8:15J. Curran10:30K. Mills, W. Moyer, K. Patel & M. Rehrer9/15—9:30G. & C. Peteritas, K. Thomson & K. Brown9/22—No Communion9/29—8:15R. Harshaw (may need one more)10:30D. Lewis, T. Meredith, K. Mills & W. Moyer								
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SEPTEMBER Prayer Focus

- 1: Beautiful music [Classical Music Month]
- 2:All those who labor [Labor Day]
- 3: Architects (National Skyscraper Day)
- 4: God's guidance in self-discovery (International Self Awareness Month)
- 5: Being Prompt (National Be Late for Something Day)
- 6: Books (Read A Book Day)
- 7: Marriages [Marriage Health Month]
- 8: People who are struggling with reading. [International Literacy Day]
- 9: Good health [Healthy Aging Month]
- 10: All who suffer from depression. [World Suicide Prevention Day]
- 11: The families of 2,793 victims of September 2001 terrorist attacks [911RemembranceDay]
- 12: Encouragement (National day of Encouragement)
- 13: Positive thinking! [Positive Thinking Day]
- 14: Patriotism [Star Spangled Banner was written in 1814]
- 15: Single people [National Singles' Week]
- 16: All families [National Stepfamily Day]
- 17: American citizens [Citizenship Day/Constitution Day]
- 18: Air Force Servicemen [US Air Force established in 1947]
- 19: Move to music in prayer [National dance Day]
- 20: Best friends [National Women's Friendship Day]
- 21: Peace [International Day of Peace]
- 22: Business Women (Business Women's Day)
- 23: A new season [First day of Autumn]
- 24: New commitments (Self Improvement Month)
- 25: Healthy women [Women's Health and Fitness Day]
- 26: Apples [Johnny Appleseed Day: Born 1774 in Boston was Jonathan Chapman]
- 27: Family physical activity [Family Health and Fitness Day]
- 28: Good neighbors [National Good Neighbor Day]
- 29: Our Cats (Happy Cat Month)
- 30: Healthy Eating [Cholesterol Education Month]



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