

October 2024
Graceful Greetings



OCTOBER 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., October 6, 20th Sunday After Pentecost/2 Services-8:15 & 10:30am

Sun., October 13, 21st Sunday After Pentecost/2 Services-8:15&10:30

Sun., October 20, 21st Sunday After Pentecost/1 Service at 9:30am/B2BaB Sunday

Sun., October 27th, 22nd Sunday After Pentecost—2 Services at 8:15 & 10:30am/Reformation Sun.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING SUNDAY—Sun., October 20, 2024

One Combined Worship at 9:30am

Stewardship Theme for 2024: “Commitment”



Bible Verse: 1 Kings 8:61 - *“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



On Sunday, November 3rd at the 8:15 & 10:30am services, we will remember not only the departed members of our congregation, but other loved ones as well. You are invited to submit the name(s) of those people to the church office for inclusion in the weekly announcements & as part of this special service that will commemorate the faithful departed. Please watch for the insert on the Narthex or 6th Ave. welcome table, in October or call the church office to submit names.

Information must be received by 8am, Oct. 28th for inclusion. Please join us for worship, prayer & the naming of all saints, including those especially beloved to us. If you will be worshipping with us virtually, you may wish to light a candle to remember & honor your own loved ones.



From the Deacon's Desk: Updates

What a roller coaster ride it's been! I am thrilled that we have called Pastor Leah Woehr-Grande as our next pastor. Pastor Leah and I have known each other since we both attended what was then the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, and I can't speak highly enough of her! Grace will be well served. I am so excited to see where we go from here!

In the meantime, before Pastor Leah begins, here is an update about what to expect in October and into November.

On October 6th we will again have Pastor Stacey Kyle-Rea (Pastor Skyle) from the Synod to lead us in worship.

On October 13th, we will be joined by Pastor Tina Mackie as a short term "bridge" pastor. Some of you may remember Pastor Tina from when she served here as an intern a little over 20 years ago. She will remain with us at Grace until the week before Pastor Leah begins.

October 20th is Blessed to be a Blessing Sunday. We'll have one service that day at 9:30 am.

October 27th is Reformation Sunday. Be sure to wear red!

As I said last month, I have appreciated all the offers of support I have gotten since Pastor Wayne and then Kelsey left. It has meant the world to me. I apologize for things that have slipped through the cracks, but as always, if you have questions or concerns or ways to help during this transition, please contact me at deaconallison12@gmail.com.

In the meantime, please make a point to also give a big thank you to our staff. They have been instrumental in helping to keep things afloat during our transition. Let them know how valued they are!

Peace on the journey, Deacon Allison

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.



YOUTH NEWS



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! Come visit the Welcome Center and participate in a scavenger hunt and learn all about Grace!

Confirmation will have class every Sunday.

Join us for Ministry Madness: 'We Grow Together' come visit the Welcome Center on Sunday, October 6th, 2024 between the services and learn about all the Ministries that Grace has to offer. Learn what these ministries do and how you could possibly volunteer.

High School Youth - Details are still being worked out for our high school youth - keep your eyes 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**



Save the Date for a Lorraine's Hearing Fund Fundraiser--this fund provides financial assistance to individuals diagnosed with a hearing impairment.

WHEN: Thursday, November 14, 2024

HOURS: 10 am - 9 pm

WHERE: Giovanni's Pizza & Restaurant, 466 Main Street, Royersford, PA

Why cook when you can have lunch, a date night, or a meal out with family and friends. Have someone else cook & clean up while helping to raise money for a great cause. A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to LHF.

Fellowship Fun (3rd Tues of the Month), at 1pm, in the All Purpose Room.
Our next meeting is Oct. 15th. 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: gracelutr@verizon.net

YouTube Channel: [gracelutheranroyersford](https://www.youtube.com/gracelutheranroyersford)

Instagram search: [grace.lutheran.royersford](https://www.instagram.com/grace.lutheran.royersford)

Facebook search: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Twitter search: [@gracelutheran12](https://twitter.com/gracelutheran12)

Annual CROP Walk to Fight World Hunger

When: Sun. Oct 20th at 1pm

Where: 1st United Church of Christ, 145 Chestnut St, Spring City

What: Walk with members of our community to raise funds & bring awareness to those who walk for water, for food, for medical needs, and for safety.

Why: Because We Are Blessed to be a Blessing to Others!

How: You can walk & collect donations from sponsors in-person or online OR you can sponsor a Walker from Grace

Register for the Royersford/Spring City CROP Hunger Walk at crophungerwalk.org

Team name: Grace Lutheran Church (Royersford)

Team captain: Brenda Johnson - or see me to register/sponsor a Walker (610) 585-9824



A Lifetime Gift

Featuring Shelly Halverson



"A Lifetime Gift" Webinar with Shelly Halverson

Sponsored by Thrivent

On Tues. Oct 22nd at 6:30pm in the Church Parlor

Need help "getting your ducks in a row"
for the Big What If in life?

Shelly will walk you through her binder explaining what information you need to gather for your survivors.

Don't assume they know your passwords or your wishes.

Each participant will receive their own binder compliments of Thrivent. This is the webinar you'll be telling your friends about. Better yet, bring your friends.

Register by Oct 14th with Brian Hamm of Thrivent at (610) 416- 3191

Welcome Center doors open at 6pm with refreshments in the Church Parlor

Questions, contact Brenda Johnson (610) 585-9824 or Brian Hamm (# above)



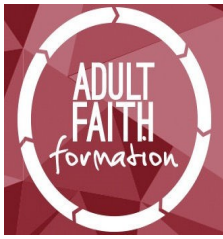
Craft Fair: Calling all Crafters!! Grace is hosting their 2nd Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024. If you are interested in sign up to be a vendor please register with the link provided below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxBEgNYQeFbKM8dBiHO3Oue_K5LipWr4lcE4oblPwIipoV2g/viewform



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

Check Out These Ways to Support Your Faith Journey



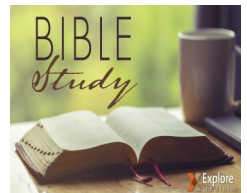
Adult Faith Formation Opportunities—Sunday Mornings at 9:15am

- 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 (L05), to understand who these women are and how they relate to us today.

Bible Study Groups—have begun! We meet on Monday's at 7:00 pm via Zoom and Thursday's 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 Will Continue in the Fall! Join us for breakfast devotions and fellowship at Main Street Café on the last Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 30th at 8:00 am. Hope to see you there!

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 deaconallison12@gmail.com, 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!

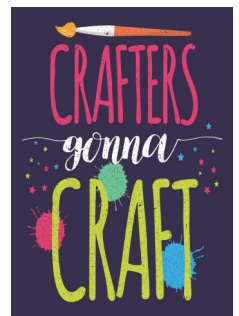
We finish each session with prayers for our family, country & members at Grace.

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 sperry19@me.com



October Worship Assistants



Trustee—Glenn Peak

Altar Guild Team—Fraunfelter, Lewis, Jordan & Armstrong

**One Service/9:30
10/20**

10/27

Counting Teams

10/6	10/13		
Shiley/Fritz	Esslinger/Esslinger	Matzke/Harshaw	Meyers/Troiano

Reader(s)

9:30		J. Fraunfelter	
8:15	G. Pouchan	J. Perry	T. Weikel
10:30	M. Alloway	C. Butler	T. Meredith

Children's Sermon

9:30		Tina	
10:30	Darrell	Brenda	Jack

Tech Table

9:30		Jackie/Dave	
8:15	Dan	Jackie	Dan
10:30	Jim	Austin	Rick

Communion Assistants

10/6—8:15	J. Kamertz		
10:30	K. Petel, G. & C. Peteritas and K. Thomson		
10/13—8:15	K. Meyers		
10:30	G. Eynon, C. Ferguson, J. Fraunfelter & B. Johnson		
10/20— One Service at 9:30	J. Fraunfelter, J. Curran, K. Reese & J. Perry		
10/27—8:15	Glenn Peak		
10:30	J. Fraunfelter, T. Meredith, K. Mills & W. Moyer		

Ushers

10/6—8:15	C. & J. Campbell and G. Peak	10:30	M. & T. McGarry
10/13—8:15	S. Firering & J. Stoddard	10:30	T. Jordan & K. Brown
10/20— One Service at 9:30	R. Harshaw & D. Murphy		
10/27—8:15	R. Pennypacker & M. Rehrer	10:30	G. Eynon & M. Johnson

Acolytes

10/6 - 8:15 - Drew Mazur
 10/13 - 10:30 - Brady Burgoon

(Changes to this schedule may occur after printing; assistants should be alert for updates.)

