

January 2025  
Graceful Greetings



**JANUARY 2025 WORSHIP SERVICES**

*Our Worship Services are at 8:15am (Traditional) and 10:30am (Non-Traditional)*

Sunday, January 5—2nd Sunday of Christmas  
 Sunday, January 12—Epiphany  
 Sunday, January 19—2nd Sunday of Epiphany  
 Sunday, January 26—3rd Sunday of Epiphany



If you are unable to worship with us in person, our worship services can also be found on our website under the “Worship” tab & on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.



**Please join us for our Annual Meeting!** It will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025. We will have one service at 9:30am, with the meeting to follow worship. Your input is important as we discuss ministries, mission & vision, budgets and more. Reports will be sent via email on January 31st. If you do NOT have access to email and wish to receive a hard copy, you will need to notify the church office. Reserved copies may be picked up at the office after Jan. 31st.

**Fellowship Opportunity—Card Club - Tues., 1/21 from 1-3 pm, in All Purpose Room.** We'll learn & play the card game, Racko.



**Are you a Thrivent client that has Choice Dollars available?** Don't forget! If you're an eligible Thrivent client and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep our organization in mind. For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice.” Or go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice)

**Assisted Listening System Available for Services:** Have trouble hearing during services? Please reach out to an Usher when you arrive if you'd like to use an assisted listening device. We have 2 models: a loop around the neck that works directly with most hearing aids; and an over-the-ear speaker. Each has personal volume control.



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Dear Siblings in Christ,



It is such a joy to finally be among you as we are beginning this new shared ministry together! In these early days and weeks, I am enjoying the opportunities to meet and get to know the members and ministries of Grace Lutheran, and I have so appreciated your warm and gracious welcome extended to my family and me. I give thanks for my colleague, Deacon Allison, the GLC Council, and the GLC staff for all their support as I'm becoming acclimated to this new call and all there is to know.

My husband, Alex, and our son, Zander, continue to settle into this wonderful new space as well. Our family has noted in many ways that our return to Pennsylvania is all at once "familiar" and "unfamiliar." It may be feeling a little bit the same for the Grace community, too, with aspects of ministry life at Grace both familiar, while at the same time, feeling a little bit different. Part of the beauty of new beginnings is that they give way for celebration of what was, even as some of those traditions will continue on at the same time that we intentionally make space for new things to come to life. Through it all, God's loving presence remains constant, and the Holy Spirit keeps us ever inspired to live more deeply into God's hope and vision for all of us.

I look forward to continuing to build meaningful relationships with each of you as I get to know this congregation well and as we dream together about the future toward which God is calling this vibrant community of faith.

Your co-con'spirit'or in the gospel,

*Pastor Leah*

Please note Pastor Leah's email: [pastorleah.gracelutr@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleah.gracelutr@gmail.com)

To reach Pastor Leah by cell: 267.374.0468

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***Thank You!** To this remarkable Christian community, to the Leadership and to the individuals who have shared with us a variety of gifts (cards, goodies, etc.). We are most appreciative of your care and generosity. We pray you feel as blessed and loved by those who surround you.*

*The Staff of Grace Lutheran Church*

*Thank  
you!*



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**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](mailto: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.

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**From the Deacon's Desk:** Happy New Year

Pastor Leah has joined us here at Grace at the beginning of the church year, and close to the New Year. It seems so perfect and fitting! I hope you are as excited as I am as we move toward our new future in this new year of 2025.

I know for many, happiness may seem elusive right now, and wishes of Happy New Year may feel painful rather than celebratory. If that's the case, know that your church family is here for you. I am here for you. Let us know if you are struggling.

But I do truly wish for you all a Happy New Year. I hope that God's peace finds you wherever you are: in joy, in sorrow, in grief, or in gratitude.

God be with you!

Peace on the journey, *Deacon Allison*

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## YOUTH NEWS



**G.R.A.C.E. Place at 9:30am!** G.R.A.C.E. Place programming is for preschool through 6th graders and will be the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, 9:30 - 10:15am. January programming will be January 5th & 19th!

**Youth Group:** January 19th, from 5 - 7pm, location to be determined. Please keep an eye on your emails for more information

**Tuscarora Youth Retreat:** 6th through 12th graders are invited!!!!

Dates: Friday, April 4th - Sunday, April 6th

Cost: \$165      Registration due by January 19th, 2025

Scholarship assistance for members is available—Contact Julie Boyer or the Church Office

**Box City Youth Event:** Help us raise monies for Pottstown Beacon of Hope

Dates: March 22nd - March 23rd

Location: New Hanover Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville PA

For Youth grades 6 - 12 Friends are Welcome!

Registration due by February 23rd

Cost: \$30 per person

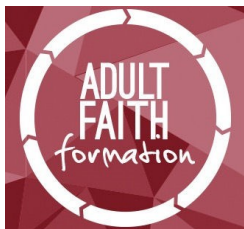
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**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Grace Lutheran Youth Group**  
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## Check Out These Ways to Support Your Faith Journey

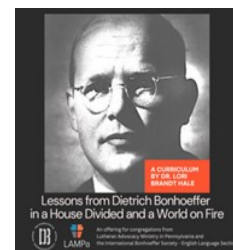


### *Adult Faith Formation Opportunities—Sunday Mornings at 9:15am*

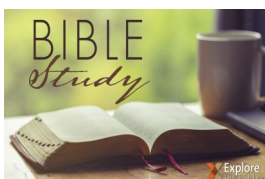
**Weekly** - Richard Harshaw's group meets in the Choir Room (L04) at 9:15am for topical conversations on faith and life, and for a time of fellowship.

**In January, Judy's group will take a break while Deacon Allison leads a study called: "Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire".**

This six-week study will look at the life and work of this important Lutheran theologian, martyr, and hero of faith, and how we can learn from him today. We will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15, between services on the following dates: 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/16 & 2/23 (we will not meet on 2/9 due to the annual meeting).



Following this series, Judy Stryker's group will resume.



**Bible Study groups** will begin on again with Part 2 of Acts, on January 13 & 16. We meet on Mondays at 7pm via Zoom & Thursdays at 10am in the Parlor (L05). If you'd like to attend the Monday evening Zoom, contact Deacon Allison at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com) and she'll send you the link.

**Faith First – Last Wednesday of this Month**—Join us for breakfast devotions and fellowship at Main Street Café. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, January 29th. Please note that this is the 5th Wednesday of the month! Hope to see you there!



**Interested in joining Grace?** Please contact Deacon Allison at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com), to learn more about membership at Grace. Our next information class will begin soon.

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

**Website:** [www.gracelutheranroyersford.com](http://www.gracelutheranroyersford.com)

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# January Worship Assistants

*Thank you all for your service!*



**Trustee**—Adam Asbert

**Altar Guild Team**—Fritz, Peteritas & Petel

## **Counting Teams**

1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26
Fraunfelter	Brown/Henson	Esslinger	Shiley/Fritz

<b><u>Reader(s)</u></b>	1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26
8:15	Deb Kamertz	Marie James	Becki Fretz	The Lau Family
10:30	Joy Fraunfelter	Margie Alloway	Cindy Butler	Mike Satryan

## **Children's Sermon (10:30 only)**

1/5	Pastor Leah	1/12	Tina	1/19	Brenda	1/26	Jack
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<b><u>Tech Table</u></b>	1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26
8:15	Dan	Jackie	Jackie	Dan
10:30	Austin	Rick	Jim	Dave

## **Communion Assistants**

1/5—8:15	R. Harshaw	10:30	J. Fraunfelter, T. Meredith, K. Mills & W. Moyer
1/12—8:15	K. Meyer	10:30	K. Petel, M. Rehrer, G. & C. Peteritas
1/19—8:15	J. Kamertz	10:30	M. Satryan, M. Alloway, K. Brown & G. Eynon
1/26—8:15	G. Peak	10:30	C. Ferguson, D. Fritz, B. Johnson & D. Lewis

## **Ushers**

1/5—8:15	R. Pennypacker & G. Peak	10:30	B. Meredith & M. Satryan
1/12—8:15	T. Weikel & J. Stryker	10:30	G. Eynon & C. Peteritas
1/19—8:15	R. Harshaw and J. & C. Campbell	10:30	D. Fritz & K. Brown
1/26—8:15	M. Rehrer & S. Firering	10:30	G. Straface & C. Ferguson

## **Acolytes**

	1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26
8:15		Drew Mazur	Tyler Weaner	
10:30		Brady Burgoon		

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

## JANUARY Prayer Focus



1. Peaceful, happy New Year
2. Commitment to adhering to our resolutions
3. Sleep (Festival of Sleep Day)
4. The Blind (Braille Day)
5. Epiphany/Three Kings' Day
6. Our wonderful abundant lives (Celebration of Life Week)
7. Health (Lose Weight and Feel Great Month)
8. All types of music (Rock and Roll Day)
9. Stepfathers (Stepfathers Day)
10. Our uniqueness (Peculiar People Day)
11. Aviators (Amelia Earhart Day)
12. Our friends (Secret Pal Day)
13. Patriotic Songs (Stephen Foster Memorial Day)
14. Clean desks! (Clean Off Your Desk Day)
15. Organizing (Get Organized Month)
16. Nothing/Be Still and know That I Am God (National Nothing Day)
17. Inventive Kids (Kid Inventor Day)
18. Children's fantasy and creativity (Winnie the Pooh Day)
19. Whole grains (Popcorn Day)
20. Martin Luther King Day
21. Hugs (National Hugging Day)
22. Reading (National book Week)
23. God's abundance of food (Pie Day)
24. Compliments (National Compliment Day)
25. Modern medical miracles (First heart transplant 1964)
26. School nurses (School Nurse Day)
27. Light (Electric light patented 1880)
28. All astronauts (Christa McAuliffe Day/ Challenger exploded in 1986)
29. Flowers (Red Carnation Day)
30. People with Glaucoma (Glaucoma Awareness Week)
31. The poor (Poverty in America Month)

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**DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2025  
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