



---

## Faith Stories

This month's faith sharing is from Jan Slack. As a reminder if you would like to share your faith story, please speak with Angela Feist or email your story to [anchoredinhope@aol.com](mailto:anchoredinhope@aol.com)

God's love...what does this look like?

I believe His love presents itself in various ways and doesn't always come neatly packaged with a bow. Have you ever questioned His love? I have found myself questioning His love, especially when there is so much cruelty in this world or when you find yourself in a low valley. Best way to find out what His love looks like or how much He really does love us is to read His Word. I prayed and asked God to show me or to help me to better understand this divine love!

Recently, I became acutely sensitive to what I believe God wanted me to witness – a demonstration of His love. I probably dismissed these moments many times in the past as a coincidence or luck.

A few weeks ago, Ken and I bicycled on this beautiful trail, along the Lehigh Gorge. Towards the end of the trail, I sustained a back injury due to my clumsiness (while standing still with my bike...go figure). As I sat there on the trail unable to move, this 'earth angel' stopped and asked if I needed help. She also mentioned "I know first aid". After the excruciating pain started to dissipate, I realized God's timing was impeccable - I saw *Him* as the 'first responder' through her. Later, as I slowly moved out of the car, looking like a cripple, this lovely couple immediately offered to help. I pridefully refused, but the woman found Ken a few minutes later and shoved a hot/cold pack in his hand and said "Please give this to your wife". The following morning (end of our vacation), we went out for breakfast. Interesting enough, our waitress was previously a CNA and offered a small pillow for my back as she saw how slowly I was moving.

The point is I learned that God demonstrates His love in various ways, and one of them is through the kindness shown by others, even when you least expect it! Hope this story heightens your awareness of God's love in your future life experiences.

Thank you God for opening my eyes and heart to receive Your love and to become a conduit of love to others.

Jan

---

---

## OCTOBER 2017 WORSHIP SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS



### **Sun., Oct. 1—17th Sunday After Pentecost**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship  
9:00 Faithfull Families  
9:15 Grace Place & 9:30am Adult Sunday School

### **Tues., Oct. 3—Church Council Reports Due**

### **Sat., Oct. 7—Prayer Vigil, 10AM-4PM: Sanctuary**

### **Sun., Oct. 8—18th Sunday After Pentecost**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship  
9:00 Faithfull Families  
9:15 Grace Place & 9:30am Adult Sunday School

### **Tues., Oct. 10—Miller/Keystone Blood Drive**

### **7:00PM—Council Meeting: Parlor**

### **Sun., Oct. 15—19th Sunday After Pentecost/Baptism Sunday**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship  
9:00 Faithfull Families  
9:15 Grace Place & 9:30am Adult Sunday School

### **Sun., Oct. 22—20th Sunday After Pentecost/Consecration Sunday**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship  
9:00 Faithfull Families  
No Grace Place & 9:30am Adult Sunday School

### **Sun., Oct. 29—Reformation Sunday**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship  
9:00 Faithfull Families  
9:15 Grace Place & 9:30am Adult Sunday School

---

**Stay "in the know" wherever you go!**

**We're all over social media!! Here's how to find us at Grace:**

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

**Email:** [gracelutrn@verizon.net](mailto:gracelutrn@verizon.net)

**Youth website:** [www.gracelutheranroyersforyouth.weebly.com](http://www.gracelutheranroyersforyouth.weebly.com)

**Facebook search:** Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

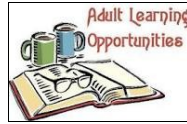
**Instagram search:** [grace.lutheran.royersford](https://www.instagram.com/grace.lutheran.royersford)

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

---

## Sunday AM Adult Faith Formation

Sunday school is back, beginning Sept. 10th at 9:30. Join us for one of these spiritual growth opportunities



**PRISM:** Topics chosen by class members. Led by Mr. Richard Harshaw (choir room, lower level of church, rm. 4)

**People of the Bible:** Are the ancient women of the Bible relevant today? While we've studied these women previously, this year we'll look at them from a different perspective. Using the book, *Through Her Eyes*, we'll take the experiences of these women and apply them to our own lives. Each lesson is accompanied by an explanation from a seminarian at Eastern University relating to how the experience is relevant to their life. Led by Dr. Judy Stryker (Parlor, lower level of church)

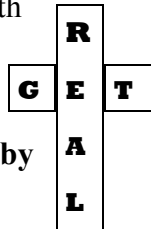


**Faith First:** Come find out how different your day can be when you begin it with God! Join this group from Grace at The Main St Café at 7 am on Wednesday mornings for breakfast, prayer, and devotions. All are welcome!

**Holy Grounds:** Join us for bible study on Thursday mornings to pray, learn, and grow in faith! We are currently reading Exodus and learning about God's presence in wilderness times. We meet in the parlor (lower level of church – room 5) from 9:30-11:00 – all are welcome!



**Get REAL!** Join us on Monday, Oct. 2nd for dinner & a faith discussion at Giovanni's in Royersford. This monthly group enjoys great conversation about topics that matter most in our lives. Our topic for this month is "*What Purpose Does God Give Us?*" If interested, please **RSVP to Angela Feist by Oct. 1st** at 570-498-5986 or [anchoredinhope@aol.com](mailto:anchoredinhope@aol.com).



## Pastor's Points:

Reformation: *the action or process of reforming an institution or practice.* October 31 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation of the Church. What began as Luther's invitation to discuss his concern over certain Church practices, such as the selling of indulgences, became a world-changing, history-changing event! Today, the Lutheran Church (just one of many Protestant Churches) has a multi-century history of proclaiming God's grace given freely. *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 1:8)*

Five hundred years later, the message of grace is still so very needed in our world- the message that we proclaim so boldly is relevant and essential. Grace prompts our discussions with other faiths, helping us to be humble with Jews, Muslims, and even the Catholic Church from which we broke. Grace calls us to be forgiving of those who have hurt us, reaching across divides towards reconciliation. Grace urges us to live as blessings to others because that is the only proper response to God's grace given to us.

As we commemorate the Reformation's 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary, let's do more than party... let's live as people who are truly thankful for the grace we've been shown by offering grace to all of God's creation.

## Caring Crafters meet Wednesday's in the All Purpose Room from 9:30am-11:30am.

If you have some time, on a Wednesday morning, come join us for fellowship & friendship. All ages. Come when you can. We don't take attendance!! Join us for lunch afterwards! **Any questions?? call Sue Perry 610-495-8587 or email [sperry19@me.com](mailto:sperry19@me.com)**

**This is an opportunity for you to share a Bible verse** that is especially meaningful to you, with other members of our church family. The verse can be followed by a brief sentence as to the reason why you like it & may include your name or not. For now, please submit any suggestions to the church office.



**Prayer Chain Reminder** - Please contact Jan Slack (prayer chain coordinator), 610-948-3539 or [mjkk13539@comcast.net](mailto: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.

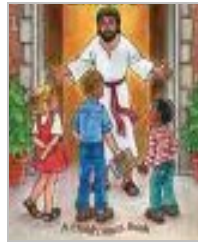


**If you miss the opportunity to stop by one of the prayer stations, there is now a "prayer box" located in the narthex.** Please complete the prayer request slip, place it in the box & the Stephen Ministers will pray for you. These can be anonymous or if you prefer you can include your name. Remember 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.

**Children's Church** is for children in KG - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**The monthly newsletter & church info is always available, anytime, on our website at [www.gracelutheranroyersford.com](http://www.gracelutheranroyersford.com).**

### **YOUTH NEWS!!! October Events!**



**Sunday, October 15th, 12-2pm:** Trunk decorating contest! All ages and families are invited to the parking lot after church for a trunk decorating contest! The best trunk will get to show off their trunk at the Trunk or Treat on Saturday! We can only have one car at the Trunk or Treat, so whose trunk will be the spookiest or cutest!

**Saturday, October 21st:** Trunk-or-Treat! 4-6pm @ Limerick Community Park! Join the Limerick Parks & Rec and Grace Lutheran Church for Trunk-or-Treat night! Bring your costumes, a candy collector & smiles!

**Saturday, October 21st:** Cornmaze, Hayride, Bonfire! Celebrate fall and join in on the corn maze & hayride! Afterwards, we will have a bonfire where we will roast marshmallows! Please bring your own chairs! Olszanowski's Farm, Spring City from 7-9pm!



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

**Progressive Dinner Recap** – On Sat.. 9/9, 22 'Gracers' & guests arrived at the lovely home of Phil & Mindy Coath for HEAVY APPETIZER. Sharper teeth have never been seen. There were meatballs, chips, dips, shrimp, cheese trays, fast moving ring bologna, smokies in a blanket and black olives. Stuffed mushrooms disappeared at record speed. Rib bones were so clean they seemed polished. Tongues were pampered & refreshed with water, soda, and liquids poured and sipped from bottles. Just stuffed! A great slide show of previous progressive dinners was shown. How time flies. 8:15 – Arrive at the historical home of Jack and Sue Perry. Gracers' rushed the island of desserts –delectable cakes, pies, cookies, fruit trays, candies, bars, coffee and tea. No sweet tooth went uncoated. Tours were given of this lovely historical home. Oh, the collectibles. The night was filled with hugs, laughter, and great conversation. 'Gracers' and guest met new people and deepened relationships with others. One guest said "What a wonderful caring group of people you have. It's really great that you have this." Thanks to our hosts and hostesses and all who participated to make this a delightful evening And as they say in the south "And a fun time was had by all." See pictures in Narthex. Marie James



## OCTOBER PRAYER FOCUS

- 1: Older Lutherans (International Day of Older Persons)
- 2: People of German ancestry (German American Heritage Month)
- 3: God's creation (US National Apple Month)
- 4: Animals (World Animal Days)
- 5: Teachers (World Teacher's Day)
- 6: Good health for all of our children (National Child Health Day)
- 7: Smiles (World Smile Day)
- 8: Pastor Kraus (Clergy Appreciation Day)
- 9: Brave, adventuresome people (Columbus Day)
- 10: Newspaper carriers (National News Carrier Month)
- 11: Special People (It's My Party Day)
- 12: Farmers (Old Farmer's Day)
- 13: Our Brains (National Train Your Brain Day)
- 14: People with aids (Aids awareness month)
- 15: Parents (National Take Your Parents to Lunch Day)
- 16: Bosses (Bosses Day)
- 17: The Poor (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty)
- 18: Readers (Reading Week)
- 19: Evaluate Your Life Day
- 20: Those suffering from alcoholism (Alcohol Awareness Week)
- 21: Inventors ((Thomas Edison invents light bulb)
- 22: Neighbors (Make A Difference Day)
- 23: Mothers -in-law (Day)
- 24: United Nation's Day
- 25: Beauty of changing leaves
- 26: Peace, friendship, and goodwill (P., F., and G. Week)
- 27: Peaceful Autumn Day (Cranky Co-Workers Day)
- 28: Garment workers (Eli Whitney invents cotton gin in 1793)
- 29: Pennsylvania (William Penn lands in Chester, PA 1682)
- 30: Eating healthy (Vegetarian Month and Candy Corn Day!)
31. Lutherans (Reformation Day)



## ABOUT PRAYER OCTOBER 2017

In honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, here is the prayer [Martin Luther](#) penned on April 15, 1521; the night that he was given to think over whether he would recant & renounce his views regarding his writings and attacks on the Roman Catholic Church's doctrines, particularly the doctrine of salvation. When you read Luther's prayer in light of what he faced (death), you see his boldness in praying. It was a call back to the authority of the Word of God.

**“Almighty, eternal God, what a contemptible thing this world is! Yet how it causes men to gape and stare at it! How small and slight is the trust of men in God. How frail and sensitive is the flesh of men, and the devil so powerful and active through his apostles and the ‘wise’ of the world! How soon men become disheartened and hurry on, running the common cause, the broad way to hell, where the godless belong! Their gazes fixed on what is splendid and powerful, great, and mighty! If I too were to turn my eyes to such things, I would be undone! The verdict would already have been passed against me, and the bell that is to toll my doom would already have been cast.**

**O God, O God, O Thou my God, my God, help me against the reason and wisdom of all the world! Do this! Thou must do it, Thou alone, for this cause is not mine, but Thine! For myself, I have no business here with these great lords of the world! Indeed, I too desire to enjoy days of peace and quiet and to be undisturbed. But Thine, O Lord, is this cause, and it is righteous and of eternal importance! Stand by me, Thou faithful eternal God. I rely on no man! Futile and vain is all; lame and halting all that is carnal and smacks of the flesh. God, O God, dost Thou not hear me, my God? Art Thou dead? Nay, Thou canst not die! Thou art merely hiding Thyself. Hast Thou chosen me for this task? I ask Thee!**

**I am sure Thou hast. Were so, let it be, then. Thy will be done. For never in my life did I intend to oppose such great lords. Never had I resolved to do this! O God, stand by me in the Name of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, Who shall be my protector and defender, yea, my mighty fortress, through the might and the strengthening of Thy Holy Spirit. Lord, where tarriest Thou? O Thou my God, where art Thou? Come, O come! I am ready to lay down my life for this cause, meek as a lamb, for the cause is righteous and it is Thine. I will not separate myself from Thee forever. Be that decision made, in Thy Name!**

**The world must leave my conscience unconquered even though it were full of devils and though my body, the work and creation of Thy hands, should be utterly ruined! But Thy Word and Spirit are a good compensation to me, and after all, only the body is concerned. The soul is Thine, and belongs to Thee, and willingly it will remain eternally. Amen. God help me. Amen.”**

Prayer Vigil is Sat., Oct. 7th, in the Sanctuary, 10AM - 4PM. Come in the front doors. Sue Perry

**We have many sponsorships open for 2017!!  
We have several open including flowers in Oct. & Dec.  
call the office (610-948-3684) to find out more.**

---

## October 2017 Worship Assistants



### Communion Asst.:

- 10/1:** 8:00 Carly Bauer & Joy Fraunfelter  
10:45 Will Moyer, Mandy & Danny Gonzalez
- 10/8:** 8:00 Cindy Henson & Mike Bauer  
10:45 Darrell Lewis, John Snyder & Kim Fretz
- 10/15:** 8:00 Terry Piersol & Karen Asbert  
10:45 David Mull, David Bauer, Shawn & Margie Alloway
- 10/22:** 8:00 Joe Curran, Jan & Ken Slack, Michael & Rita Walter  
10:45 Carol Marchesani, Kathy Mills, Carol Ferguson & Roxanne Troiano
- 10/29:** 8:00 Kathy Horning, Dave Fritz, Kurt Meyers, Dan Feist & Richard Aust  
10:45 Mike & Trish McGarry, Phil & Mindy Coath

### Acolytes/Crucifers & Torch Bearers

- 10/1:** 8:00 Sam L./Ashley R. 10:45 Connor F./Gavin S.  
**10/8:** 8:00 Lily C./Abby C. 10:45 Ryan F./Eric M.  
**10/15:** 8:00 James F./Christopher F. 10:45 Aiden O./Ashley D.  
**10/22:** 8:00 Gracy M. 10:45 Gavin S./Sam L.  
**10/29:** 8:00 Christopher F./James F. 10:45 Kenny B./Grace B.  
TB: Alaina M./Connor F. Lily C./Abby C.

- Ushers:** **10/1:** Team 3, David Fritz **10/8:** Team 4, Jim Bauer  
**10/15:** Team 5, Kurt Meyers **10/22:** Team 6, John Groff  
**10/29:** Team 1, Rick Pennypacker

### Counting Teams: 10/1: Team H, John Fraunfelter

- 10/8:** Team A, Mike McGarry **10/15:** Team B, Kelly Granato  
**10/22:** Team C, Ken Slack **10/29:** Team D, Will Moyer

### Children's Church: 10/1: Reicher 10/8: Marchesani

- 10/15:** Troiano **10/22:** No CC **10/29:** Coaths

- Faith Full Families: 10/1:** Kelsey **10/8:** Brenda **10/15:** Danielle  
**10/22:** Karen **10/29:** Kelsey

**Trustee:** James Thompson

**Altar Guild:** Joy Fraunfelter

### Greeters

- 10/1:** 8:00 Susan Trickel/George & Helen Schad  
10:45 Team 9, Chris & Heather Tyrrell/Dan & Angela Feist
- 10/8:** 8:00 Susan Trickel/Bruce & Debbie Leister  
10:45 Team 10, Danny & Mandy Gonzalez/Steve & Laurie Fodor
- 10/15:** 8:00 Susan Trickel/Jim & Gloria Bauer  
10:45 Team 1, Darrell & Karen Lewis/Skip & Bev Meitzler
- 10/22:** 8:00 Susan Trickel/Jean Peterson & Tammy Epprecht  
10:45 Team 2, Sheila Smith/Tom & Jane Schroeder
- 10/29:** 8:00 Susan Trickel/Richard & Neralyn Aust Family  
10:45 Team 3, Tim & Nancy Anspach/Jennifer Della Guardia

### Readers:

- 10/1:** 8:00 Becki Fretz 10:45 Amy Lacey  
**10/8:** 8:00 Deb Kamertz 10:45 Darrell Lewis  
**10/15:** 8:00 Kurt Meyers 10:45 Chris Tyrrell  
**10/22:** 8:00 Mark Rehner 10:45 Claire Nelson  
**10/29:** 8:00 Joy Fraunfelter 10:45 Trish McGarry

### Tot Spot:

- 10/1:** 8:00 Peg Shiley 10:45 Amy Barattucci  
**10/8:** 8:00 OPEN 10:45 Debbie Armstrong  
**10/15:** 8:00 OPEN 10:45 Jennifer Ruiz  
**10/22:** 8:00 Mary Murphy 10:45 OPEN  
**10/29:** 8:00 Becki Fretz 10:45 Lisa Burgoon

### Tech Teams:

- 10/1:** 8:00 Gene Capor 10:45 David Mull  
**10/8:** 8:00 David Fritz 10:45 Barbara  
**10/15:** 8:00 Ken Slack 10:45 Jim Butler  
**10/22:** 8:00 Gene Capor 10:45 Dan Feist  
**10/29:** 8:00 David Fritz 10:45 David Mull

- Children's Sermons: 10/1:** Stephanie **10/8:** Jack **10/15:** Kelsey  
**10/22:** Brenda **10/29:** Stephanie

