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## Faith Stories

This month's faith sharing is from Kali Kratz about her trip to Minnesota. 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)

Our mission trip to Leech Lake Reservation In Minnesota was a life changing experience and I'm so thankful that I was able to be a part of it. Our church group became closer through that journey. We met new people that will help us along the way with our faith. The people on the reservation taught us many things including forming unbreakable bonds, always being grateful and to always have a smile on our face. Throughout the week I was with the sports camp. There were a variety of ages that came to this. The most popular sport amongst them was basketball and we played it everyday. Thursday was the hardest, the whole day was very emotional. This is because it was the last time that you were going to see the kids that you were working with. I'm so glad that some of them opened up to me during the week and allowed me to learn from them. It was extremely hard to say goodbye to them because I had gotten to know them well. Later that night was also emotional. The youthwork leaders did the foot washing to the church leaders and then our church leaders did it to us, afterwards our leader prayed to us individually. Another reason is because it was the last time you were able to do stuff with the other people from the churches that attended the mission trip. Thankfully I am still able to keep in touch with them even though they are far away. This experience has brought me closer to God, furthered my faith, let me make new friends and strengthen the relationships I already had with the youth of our church and allowed me to become a better person. - Kali Kratz

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**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.



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## SEPTEMBER 2017 WORSHIP SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS



**Sat., Sept. 2—Prayer Vigil, 10AM-4PM: Sanctuary**

**Sun., Sept. 3—13th Sunday After Pentecost**

8:00am Traditional Worship

9:00 Faithfull Families

10:45am Contemporary Worship

**Mon., Sept. 4—Labor Day (Church Office Closed)**

**Tues., Sept. 5—Church Council Reports Due**

**Sun., Sept. 10—14th Sunday After Pentecost/Baptism Sunday**

**Rally Day**

8:00am Traditional Worship

9:00 Faithfull Families

9:15 Rally Day (see info under “Youth News”)

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:45am Contemporary Worship

**Tues., Sept. 12—Church Council Meeting, 7PM, Church Parlor**

**Sun., Sept. 17—14th Sunday After Pentecost**

8:00am Traditional Worship

9:00 Faithfull Families

9:15 Grace Place

9:30am Adult Sunday School

10:45am Contemporary Worship

**Sun., Sept. 24—15th Sunday After Pentecost**

**One Worship Service at 10:00**

**Pastor Neff’s Retirement Celebration at 11:00,  
in the Social Hall**

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**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

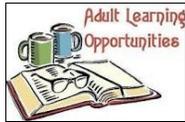
**Instagram search:** [grace.lutheran.royersford](https://www.instagram.com/grace.lutheran.royersford)

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

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## Sunday AM Adult Faith Formation

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



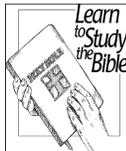
**PRISM:** Topics chosen by class members. Led by Mr. Richard Harshaw (choir room, lower level of church, rm. 4)

**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)

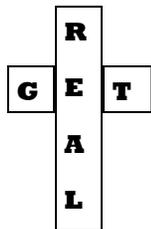


**Faith First:** Come find out how different your day can be when you begin it with God! Join this group from Grace at The Main St Café at 7 am on Wednesday mornings for breakfast, prayer, and devotions. All are welcome!

**Holy Grounds:** This month, the Thursday am bible study will be following the path of the Israelites through the wilderness with Moses. Come and learn about how God forms community and the importance of living as God calls us to live- no matter where we're at! We meet in the parlor (lower level of church – room 5) from 9:30-11:00 am.



**GET REAL** This month we will meet at Giovanni's on Monday, September 11 for dinner and a discussion of the end-times. Bring your questions about scripture, the Left Behind series, solar eclipses and more! RSVPs are needed by Sunday, September 10 to Angela Feist at [anchoredin-hope@aol.com](mailto:anchoredin-hope@aol.com) or 570-498-5986.



## “Coin Into My Treasury” (Matthew 6:20-21) Consecration Sunday!

**Mark your Calendars! October 22, 2017**

Please prayerfully consider & plan now to attend the two important events on this day:

1) Sunday morning worship opportunities at 8:00, 9:00 or 10:45am **and** 2) the Celebration brunch at 9:30am. Look for & complete a reservation slip in the weekly Ledger or contact the church office: 610-948-3684 or e-mail [gracelutrn@verizon.net](mailto:gracelutrn@verizon.net), now, to make your reservation for the brunch; this is extremely important as we make plans for the day.

**If you love to sing at the 8 am service, and would like to be part of the choir, please see Joyce Berner - she'd love to welcome you!**



**Progressive Dinner-September 9!** Rev up your appetite & sharpen your teeth "Gracers"; our annual Progressive Dinner will be Sat., Sept. 9, beginning at 6:30pm & ending at 9:30pm. This is a fun “adult only” event. We'll start at one home for heavy appetizers & progress to another home for yummy desserts. **Two volunteers are needed to host/hostess a portion of the evening.** Questions, call Marie James 610-948-7294. Please indicate your interest by filling out the form below and getting it into the office by 9/3 or by contacting Marie.

### Progressive Dinner Sign Up

I will Host \_\_\_\_\_ or I will bring the following (enough to serve 8)

Appetizers \_\_\_\_\_ Beverages \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**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!



**Looking for friendly faces** - volunteers to cover the office when Phyllis is out. Answer phones, greet guests, etc. If interested, contact the office at 610-948-3684.

### **G.R.A.C.E. Place**

\*\*\*\* G.R.A.C.E. Place will start at 9:15am this year\*\*\*\*\*  
9:15am is our new start time for more time in each station!



**Rally Day is Sunday, Sept. 10th** from 9:15am - 10:30am! Join us in the parking lot (social hall if it rains) to explore the creation story in art, games, science, tech & Bible Adventure! There will also be information on all the other classes include 2 yr old - kindergarten and adult classes!

**Faithful Families** will start up again on Sunday, Sept. 3rd from 9:00am - 9:30am in the social hall.

**Cash 4 Causes** raised \$72.50 for the month of July! This money is going towards replenishing supplies for our classes, items such as construction paper, chart paper, and glue. Thank you to all who bought a Cash 4 Causes Giant Gift Card. Just a reminder, it makes great gifts!



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

### **Caring Crafters will be returning Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in the All Purpose Room from 9:30am-11:30am.**

Our group:

- Does simple crafts in service to our church community.
  - We make knitted prayer shawls and scarves.
  - Make and send cards to our homebound.
- Make simple Christmas ornaments for Christmas giving.
  - Color to relax.
- We finish each of our sessions with prayers for our congregation and members at Grace.

If you have some time, on a Wednesday morning, come join us for fellowship and 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 [srperry19@me.com](mailto:srperry19@me.com)**

## SEPTEMBER PRAYER FOCUS

- 1: Beautiful music [Classical Music Month]
- 2: The end of world conflicts [VJ Day. Japan signed formal surrender.]
- 3: Enjoyment of our worship
- 4: All those who labor [Labor Day]
- 5: Marriages [Marriage Health Month]
- 6: Caring Crafters [Our year begins]
- 7: God's guidance in self-discovery (International Self Awareness Month)
- 8: People who struggle with reading. [International Literacy Day]
- 9: Good health [Healthy Aging Month]
- 10: All who suffer from depression. [Suicide Prevention Week]
- 11: The families of 2,793 victims of September 2001 terrorist attacks.
- 12: Safe and happy day!
- 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: Best friends
- 20: Psychologists [Dr. Joyce Brothers born in 1928]
- 21: Peace [International Day of Peace]
- 22: A new season [First day of Autumn]
- 23: Health workers
- 24: Pastor Paul Neff as we celebrate his ministry & retirement.
- 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: Understanding the Bible [Holy Ground's Bible Study meets]
- 29: Veterans [VFW established in 1899]
- 30: Healthy Eating [Cholesterol Education Month]



## ABOUT PRAYER JULY 2017

***“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10 (NKJV)***

Recently Pastor Kraiss had a sermon about things to alleviate anxiety when it comes to times of change. Take the time to be with God in prayer. He will help you get through. This month we at Grace will be seeing a big change as Pastor Neff retires.

- Every day this September start the day by including Grace in your prayer so we can continue as a wonderful spirit filled church.
- Please take the time to pray for Pastor Neff, for health & happiness as he begins a new phase of his life.
- Pray for Pastor Kraiss' health and fill her with the confidence and knowledge that He already has given her the skills and gifts that are needed to be our Pastor.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill each of us with energy to do a little more of what we already do for Grace.
- Do a little more to show a little more love to that person that's in the next pew, or ask God to guide you on how you can show a little more love to the community.
- Pray for God to provide a new organist to enrich our traditional service.
- Pray for our Council members to continue to make the right decisions to move Grace forward.
- Pray that God will bring more talented people through our doors and also to encourage us who are already here to do something new.
- Pray for God to give all of our members health, guidance, love, and peace..
- Thank God for all he does for us!!

***“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties...” Psalm 139:23 (NKJV)***

Prayer Vigil is Saturday, September 6, 2017 in the Sanctuary from 10AM until 4PM. Come in the front doors.

Sue Perry

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

**September 2017 Worship Assistants**      **Trustee:** Glenn Peak

**Communion Asst.:**

**9/3:** 8:00 Jim Campbell, Rich Harshaw, Jackie Perry, Terry Piersol & Debbie Mensch

10:45 Mike & Trish McGarry, Phil & Mindy Coath

**9/10:** 8:00 Dan Feist, Susan & Dave Firering, Joe & Debbie Kamertz

10:45 Jean Mizas-Floyd, Tina Meredith, Maggie Finnegan & Tracy Bracale

**9/17:** 8:00 Marie James, Rose Nixon, Judy Stryker, Glenn & Natalie Peak

10:45 Janet Neff, Tom Sheehan, Amy & Barbara Barattucci

**9/24:** One Service 10:00 Danielle Lau, Stephanie McMullan, Deb & Mac Fritz

**Acolytes/Crucifers & Torch Bearers**

**9/3:** 8:00 Lily C./Ashley R.      10:45 Sam L./Aiden O.

**9/10:** 8:00 Gracyn M./Alaina M.      10:45 Ashley D./Grace B.

**9/17:** 8:00 James F./Sydney F.      10:45 Eric M./Nathan M.

**9/24:** One Service 10:00 Ashley D./Kenny B.

**Ushers:** **9/3:** Team 5, Kurt Meyers      **9/10:** Team 6, John Groff

**9/17:** Team 1, Rick Pennypacker      **9/24:** Team 2, Tim Anspach

**Counting Teams:**

**9/3:** Team D, Will Moyer      **9/10:** Team E, Mindy Coath

**9/17:** Team F, Patty Esslinger      **9/24:** Team G, Kurt Meyers



**Children's Church:**    **9/3:**    **9/10:**    **9/17:**    **9/24:**



**Community Day is Sat., Sept. 9th!** Please help Grace to create "Blessings Bags" for the needy or homeless by joining us on that day, or by donating the items needed to stuff our bags. The following items (personal/travel size) are needed for each bag: **toothbrush & toothpaste, soap, deodorant, washcloth, lotion, mouthwash, shampoo, comb, tissues.** Please drop into boxes in the narthex (or bring to the office) by Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Altar Guild:** Trish McGarry & Sally Weber

**Greeters**

**9/3:** 8:00 Carol Marchesani & daughters/Jim Campbell

10:45 Team 5, Tom Sheehan/Shawn & Margie Alloway

**9/10:** 8:00 Sherri Roussey/Mary Steiner

10:45 Team 6, David Thompson/Judy Lukens

**9/17:** 8:00 Sandy Kerchner/Richard & Peg Shiley

10:45 Team 7, Stephanie McMullan/Bud & Tina Meredith

**9/24:** One Service 10:00 Debbie Fritz/Carol Marchesani & daughters

**Readers:**

**9/3:** 8:00 Jackie Perry      10:45 Sandy Kulick

**9/10:** 8:00 Karen Asbert      10:45 Cindy Butler

**9/17:** 8:00 Rose Nixon      10:45 Stephanie McMullan

**9/24:** One Service 10:00 Trish McGarry

**Tot Spot:**

**9/3:** 8:00      10:45

**9/10:** 8:00 Mary Murphy      10:45 Lisa Burgoon

**9/17:** 8:00 Becki Fretz      10:45 Kim Fretz

**9/24:** One Service 10:00 Lily Gonzalez

**Tech Teams:**

**9/3:** 8:00 David      10:45 David

**9/10:** 8:00 Gene      10:45 Jim Butler

**9/17:** 8:00 Ken      10:45 Jim Butler

**9/24:** One Service 10:00 David

**Children's Sermons:** **9/3:** Kelsey      **9/10:** Brenda      **9/17:** Darrell

**9/24:** Judy

**Faith Full Families:** **9/3:** Kelsey Hlavac      **9/10:** Brenda Johnson

**9/17:** Karen Thomson      **9/24:** Danielle Lau



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