

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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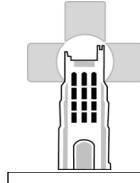


Growing Together Through God's Grace

DEADLINE FOR THE  
June 2018 ISSUE  
OF GRACEFUL GREETINGS  
IS Tues., May 15th

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday; 8:30am-noon & 12:30- 2:30pm

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## May 2018 Issue Graceful Greetings

**Worship Times: Sundays — 8:00 AM Traditional Service  
9:00 Faith Full Families & 10:45 AM Contemporary Service**



Are you interested in becoming a member of Grace this spring? Gatherings for our new members will begin in early May, on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30. If you would like more information or would like to participate, contact Deacon Allison at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com) or Pastor Kraus at [jkrais.gracelutrn@veizon.net](mailto:jkrais.gracelutrn@veizon.net).

**Important Inserts:** Please see the two inserts that go with this month's newsletter. One is information and the requirements for the Strunk Fund Scholarship and the other is information about a great new community outreach program at the Veteran's Center. Check them out!

Daisies for Pentecost on Sunday, May 20, 2018 - we invite you to order gerbera daisies, to beautify our sanctuary and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.



**All flowers will be dedicated to the Glory of God.**  
We encourage you to take your plants after either service; those left behind will be planted around the grounds, giving witness to the growth of the Holy Spirit at Grace Lutheran Church.

**Plants come in a 6" pot and cost \$7.00 each.**

**DEADLINE TO ORDER PLANTS IS SUNDAY, MAY 6th.**

Please complete the order form below and return it, with your payment, in the offering plate, mail it in or drop it off to the Church Office.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of geraniums: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$7.00 ea.      Total paid: \_\_\_\_\_

### Pastor's Points:

So, this month, I'll continue my grandson's story of acquiring hearing... After a successful surgery for cochlear implants, the devices were activated. It took another week, but our little guy began to hear! This process is actually pretty complicated... it will take multiple adjustments of the technology & his own process of learning how to interpret sounds, will take some time. Silas will hear and understand - thanks to a group effort of dedicated doctors, specialists and family!

Once again, this makes me think of listening for God. On my own, I can only hear & understand so much. Fortunately, we have lots of ways of learning how to hear God better... worship, bible study, prayer, conversations with other people of faith, etc. Together, we can share what we hear through our own experiences & understandings of how God is at work, and together, we can learn to understand God's word to us more readily. Don't be a loner! Listen with others & learn how to hear God more clearly!



### From The Deacon

I'm so excited to be here at Grace as your new Deacon, and wanted to give you a little more information about myself. I have been a Minister of Word and Service (or Deacon) in the ELCA for five years, after graduating from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) in 2012. I served my first call at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Exton, which is near where I still live with my husband, Rick, and my daughter, Alexandra. Alex graduated from Penn State this past May and is in the process of applying to Grad School to become a Physicians Assistant. She currently works as a Physical Therapy aide. My husband Rick is currently looking for employment in his field of Group Benefits Insurance. He most recently served as a Vice President of AIG Benefit Solutions until they were sold.

I love teaching adults & leading small groups., especially bible studies. I was an English major for my undergrad (I went to the University of Texas at Austin) and so I love reading. I'm also a big music lover - mostly rock music. (I'm the absolute biggest U2 fan on the planet!)

I will be working part-time at Grace in the areas of preaching, Adult Formation, and Evangelism (or as I like to think of it as Community engagement). Most weeks I'll be in the office on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

I'd love a chance to get to sit down with as many of you as possible. Let me know if you'd like to grab coffee or a beer sometime! (I'm also a huge coffee & craft beer fan). Oh, and please feel free to call me Allison!

Peace ~ Allison

## MAY 2018 WORSHIP SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS



**Tues., May 1—Church Council Reports Due**

**Sat., May 5—Prayer Vigil, 10AM-4PM: Sanctuary**

**Sun., May 6—Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

9:00 Faithfull Families

9:15 Grace Place & 9:30am Adult Sunday School

9:30am New Members Gathering: Social Hall

**Tues., May 8—7:00PM—Council Meeting: Parlor**

**Sun., May 13—Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

9:00 Faithfull Families

9:15 Grace Place & 9:30am Adult Sunday School

**Fri., May 18, 6pm—Sat., April 19, 11am—Youth Lock In**

**Sat., May 19—Painting with Madison at 1pm & 6pm in SH**

**Sun., May 20—Pentecost/Confirmation**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

**Thrivent Coffee Hour after each service in the Welcome Center**

9:00 Faithfull Families

9:15 Grace Place & 9:30am Adult Sunday School

**Sun., May 27—Holy Trinity Sunday**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship

9:00 Faithfull Families

9:15 Grace Place & 9:30am Adult Sunday School

**Mon., May 28—Memorial Day - Church Office Closed**

**Thurs., May 31—GLC at Project Outreach**

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser. Grace has donated \$3,187.00 to the FaithBuilds Project that will soon break ground on a new home! Be watching for more information on how you can participate in a work day or talk with Ken Slack if interested in being part of Grace's work team!



## Sunday AM Adult Faith Formation - - -

is a great way to grow your faith at any age. Join us at 9:30 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)

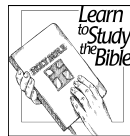
**People of the Bible:** Is suffering a punishment for sin? Does God cause suffering to test us? Is there a reason for suffering? These questions and many more are being discussed. Join our class in reading When Bad Things Happen to Good People. Led by Dr. Judy Stryker (Parlor, lower level of church)

**“Mothers & Their Cake”,** an adult class led by Jan Slack, is for mothers of all ages, meets in the Social Hall kitchen, from 9:30 – 10:30am. Join us for an hour of faith-based discussions, application of scripture & prayer.

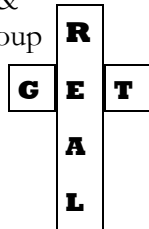


**Faith First:** Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7am, at The Main St Café for breakfast and devotions. All are welcome to the group that loves being fed in body and spirit!

**Holy Grounds:** Meet new people... learn more about God and scripture... grow in faith... ALL of this happens in bible study! Join us on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 am in the parlor (lower level of church, room 5). Everyone is welcome!



**Get REAL!** Join us Monday, May 14th at 6:30pm, for dinner & faith discussion, at Giovanni's in Royersford. This monthly group enjoys great conversation about topics that matter most in our lives. The topic this month: “Jesus, Son of God or prophet of God”. If interested, please **RSVP to Angela Feist by May 13th**, at 570-498-5986 or [anchoredinhope@aol.com](mailto:anchoredinhope@aol.com).

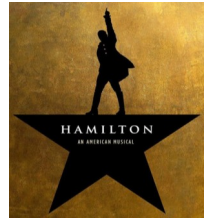


## Upcoming Events



**On May 17th, Julia's Grace Foundation will hold its Spring Raffle.** Drawing will

be held at Stickman Brews at 8:30. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100; Grand prize is 2 Orchestra seat tickets for Hamilton in New York City on Saturday, June 23, plus an overnight stay at the Marriott and more; total prize package worth \$1100. Several other prizes will also be drawn, including Philadelphia Museum Package, Annual National Park Pass & more! For tickets or more info, call 610-310-2110 or go to [www.juliasgracefoundation.org](http://www.juliasgracefoundation.org).



**Outdoor adventure on the “Perk trail”!**

Who: Grace Members, family & friends;  
“All ages” welcome

What: ELCA Youth Gathering, Youth Fundraiser  
Where: “Perk” Trailhead, Rt. 29, across from Perk Firehouse (free parking)  
Grande Plan – (3.25 mi one way) or as far as you wish  
Leisurely Plan – (2.5 mi one way) or as far as you wish  
\*Fellowship moments (optional)

**When: Sunday, May 6, 2018, 2pm-?** Rain date to be announced.  
How: Walkers & bicyclers. Feel free to bring a friend (even furry ones) for the event! \*Contact Jan Slack for further details or if interested, via [mjkk13539@comcast.net/610-948-3539](mailto:mjkk13539@comcast.net)

## PAINTING WITH MADISON

**Save the date: Sat., May 19** - offering 2 sessions: 1pm & 6pm. Madison will lead a step by step painting and you WILL create a masterpiece! All proceeds will benefit the 3rd Annual Family Mission Trip in August. Cost will be \$25/painter or less (if we receive a grant for supplies). This event is for Confirmation students & adults of all ages. Contact Brenda Johnson to reserve your spot—610 585-9824.



**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.

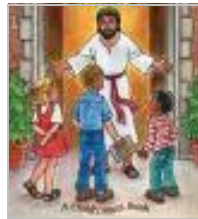


**If you miss the opportunity to stop by one of the prayer stations, there is now a "prayer box" located in the narthex.** Please complete the prayer request slip, place it in the box & the Stephen Ministers will pray for you. These can be anonymous or if you prefer you can include your name. Remember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



### **YOUTH NEWS!!!**

**Save the Date!!** End of school year lock in for Middle & Senior High students will be Fri., May 18, 6pm—11am on Saturday. Join us for a night of fun games such as hungry, hungry hippos, human version and sardines! We will also be planning a youth service for the fall!

**Join us May 20th to celebrate with our 4 Confirmands!** We will celebrate God's spirit moving in their lives and calling them to Him. Join with their families at the 10:45 service, as we confirm James Fretz, Justin Kratz, Aiden O'Neill and Ashley Reicher.



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

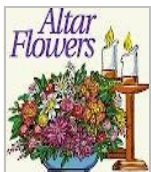
**CALLING ALL GARDENERS.....** Spring is here, so it is time to gear up for the 6<sup>th</sup> season at God's Good Garden at Grace. We've had tremendous congregational support since the inception of this ministry in 2013 while providing healthy vegetables to those less fortunate in our community. The time commitment is minimal (just a few hours a month), the joy and satisfaction, HUGE. Please email me at [kmeyers413@verizon.net](mailto:kmeyers413@verizon.net) to be part of the team. THANK YOU!



**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.

## MAY PRAYER FOCUS

1. Thanking God for this beautiful spring/May Day
2. Brothers and sisters/B. And S. Day
3. Foster children/Foster Care Month
4. Laughter / World Laughter Day
5. Our Mexican neighbors / Cinco de Mayo
6. School nurses / National School Nurse Day
7. Tourists/National Tourist Appreciation Day
8. WW II Veterans/ VE day
9. Clothing/Lost Sock Memorial Day
10. Bountiful tables/Eat What You Want Day
11. Poetry/Limerick Day
12. Our shut-ins in nursing homes / National Nursing Home Week
13. Mothers / Mother's Day
14. People with addictions / Gambler's Week
15. Policemen / National Police Week
16. Trees/Love A Tree Day
17. Our servicemen / Armed Forces Day
18. Older Americans / Older American's Month
19. Our country / I Am An American Day
20. Strawberries/Pick Strawberries Day
21. Emergency medical technicians / Emergency Medical Services Week
22. Restful sleep / Better Sleep Month
23. Boaters / Safe Boating Week
24. Delicacies/National Escargot Day
25. Greens/National Salad Month
26. Our hospital employees / Hospital Week
27. Beautiful Spring weather/Sun Screen Day
28. Remembering those who gave their lives for our country this Memorial Day
29. Garden replenishing/Learn About Composting Day
30. Our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
31. Quietness /Save Your Hearing Day



We have many sponsorships open for 2018,  
including Flowers, Bulletins and more;  
call the office (610-948-3684) to find out more.

## ABOUT PRAYER APRIL 2018

The following prayers are from a website: KNOWING [JESUS.com](http://JESUS.com):

For all of our mothers...

### Prayer For Mothers Day

Heavenly Father we thank You for our mothers who untiringly love and care for us with every passing day.. but today Lord, on this important "Mother's Day", we specially want to lift up all mothers throughout the land..", and thank You for the very special role they play in the lives of their children. Thank You for the selfless love they so often show and for the grace and encouragement they are able to give us, as well as their correction, wisdom and counsel. Thank Your for the role model they so often provide to us and to others.. and for the many sacrifices they willingly make on account of their children and families. We pray that the influence that they exercise over their children would be godly wisdom, seasoned with salt and bathed in prayer. We pray that You would provide the necessary health and strength they need to care for their families in their demanding task, and that You would grant each one multiplied grace, as they seek to carry out the many roles and responsibilities each within their own homes. This we ask in Jesus name, Amen. <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Mothers>

### Prayer For Mothers-In-Law

Dear Father God, we thank You that You were the one that instituted the role of the family in our lives, where children are brought up in a secure home, and where loving parents provide for their children in a safe, secure and nurturing environment. We thank You also for the wider family and today Lord, we particularly want to bring before You the role of mothers-in- law within the family unit. Sadly Lord the role of "mother-in-law" has too often become a target of cruel jokes and yet we praise You for the grace and wisdom of this special person within the extended family, who can be such a source of encouragement and wisdom, both to the parents and to their grand-children. Give grace and wisdom to all women who have been called into the important role of Mother-in-law, and we pray that You would endue each one with godly virtue and gracious wisdom, so that they may to know when to offer wise counsel.. while having the discernment to know when to quietly withdraw. We pray that You would curb any critical attitude they may have towards their daughter-in law or son-in-law, but rather we pray that the role of mother-in-law may increasingly become a be a source of great help, valued encouragement and gracious wisdom. This we ask in Jesus name, Amen

<https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Mothers>

**Prayer Vigil is May 5 from 10AM to 4PM in the sanctuary.  
Come in the front door! Sue Perry / Prayer Coordinator**

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**May 2018 Worship Assistants****Trustee:** Tom Weikel**Communion Asst.:****5/6:** 8:00 Jim Campbell, Richard Harshaw, Jackie Perry, Kathleen Parker & Donna Wanamaker

10:45 Jean Mizas-Floyd, Tina Meredith, Maggie Finnegan, Tracy Bracale &amp; Roxanne Troiano

**5/13:** 8:00 Debbie Moore, Susan & Dave Firering, Joe & Debbie Kamertz

10:45 Dan Feist, Tom Sheehan, Trish McGarry, Amy &amp; Barbara Baratucci

**5/20:** 8:00 Marie James, Rose Nixon, Glenn Peak, Judy Stryker & Zach Miller

10:45 Confirmation Teachers + Danielle Lau, Debbie &amp; Mac Fritz

**5/27:** 8:00 Joe Curran, Jan & Ken Slack, Michael & Rita Walter

10:45 Will Moyer, Karen Brown, Mindy Coath, Mandy &amp; Danny Gonzalez

**Acolytes/Crucifers & Torch Bearers****5/6:** 8:00 Pooja A./Abby C. 10:45 Ryan F./Eric M.**5/13:** 8:00 Gracyn M./Alaina M. 10:45 Aiden O./Kenny B.**5/20:** 8:00 Ashley R./James F. 10:45 Lily C./Ryley T.

TB: Pooja A./Christopher F. Gavin S./Connor F.

**5/27:** 8:00 Sam L./Kiersten I. 10:45 Grace B./Kenny B.**Ushers:** **5/6:** Team 6, John Groff **5/13:** Team 1, Rick Pennypacker**5/20:** Team 2 **5/27:** Team 3, David Fritz**Counting Teams:** **5/6:** Team E **5/13:** Team F, Patty Esslinger**5/20:** Team G, Kurt Meyers **5/27:** Team H, John Fraunfelter**Children's Church:** **5/6:** Marchesani **5/13:** Amy Stebner**5/20:** Roxanne Troiano **5/27:** No CC - Memorial Day Weekend**Children's Sermons:** **5/6:** Brenda Johnson **5/13:** Stephanie McMullan**5/20:** No CS **5/27:** Darrell Lewis

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**Altar Guild:** Karen Asbert**Greeters****5/6:** 8:00 Glenn Peak/Murray & Elaine O'Cain and Karlee Roy

10:45 Team 8, Debbie Armstrong

**5/13:** 8:00 John & Elaine Snyder/Wilma Ries

10:45 Team 9, Chris &amp; Heather Tyrrell/Dan &amp; Angela Feist

**5/20:** 8:00 Bruce & Debbie Leister/Dave & Susan Firering

10:45 Team 1, Darrell &amp; Karen Lewis/Skip &amp; Bev Meitzler

**5/27:** 8:00 Jim & Gloria Bauer/John & Hilde Holms

10:45 Team 2, Danny &amp; Mandy Gonzalez/Tom &amp; Jane Schroeder

**Readers:****5/6:** 8:00 Gladys Pouchan 10:45 Sandy Kulick**5/13:** 8:00 Mark Rehrer 10:45 Phil Coath**5/20:** 8:00 Karen Asbert 10:45 Patty Lebow**5/27:** 8:00 Joe Curran 10:45 Sam Leonard**Tot Spot:****5/6:** 8:00 OPEN 10:45 Amy Baratucci**5/13:** 8:00 OPEN 10:45 OPEN**5/20:** 8:00 OPEN 10:45 Debbie Armstrong**5/27:** 8:00 OPEN 10:45 Jennifer Ruiz**Tech Table:****5/6:** 8:00 John 10:45 David Mull**5/13:** 8:00 Fritz 10:45 Jim**5/20:** 8:00 John 10:45 Dan**5/27:** 8:00 Fritz 10:45 Barbara**Faith Full Families:** **5/6:** Danielle Lau **5/13:** Brenda Johnson**5/20:** Karen Thomson **5/27:** Kelsey Hlavac

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