

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, Jan. 27, 2019/Third Sunday of Epiphany

7:30 A.M.— Choir Rehearsal
8:00 A.M.—Traditional Service & 10:45 A.M. - Contemporary Service
9:30 A.M.— Sunday school for all ages
Noon: Scholarship Committee: Parlor
2-5PM - GS Troop #7160: APR

TUESDAY, January 29, 2019

9:30 A.M.—CSF: Parlor
6:30 P.M.—GS Troop #71032: APR

WEDNESDAY, January 30, 2019

9:30-11:30 A.M.—Caring Crafters/Fun Days: All Purpose Room
7:00 P.M. —AA Meeting: Parlor

THURSDAY, January 31, 2018

9:30 A.M.—“Old Testament” Study: Parlor
7:00 P.M.—BS Troop #406: Social Hall

SUNDAY, Feb. 3, 2019/Fourth Sunday of Epiphany/Scout Sunday

7:30 A.M.— Choir Rehearsal
One Service at 10:00AM
Annual Congregational Meeting to follow
No Sunday School



Our Monthly Healing Service—will continue on the first Tuesday of the month, beginning in February. All are welcome to join us at 7:00pm for this service. This worship service is open to all who are seeking comfort or even simply peaceful respite from a chaotic world.

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE:

Given Week of 1/20/19: \$ 6,417.00
Weekly Giving Budgeted: \$ 6,750.00



Luther's Ledger

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January 27, 2019 — Third Sunday of Epiphany

Staff: The Rev. Janelle L. Kraus, Pastor;

Deacon Allison Wilcox - Evangelism & Adult Education Ministries

Kelsey Hlavac - Director of Christian Education & Youth Ministries

Phyllis Conroy - Parish Administrator; Ken Slack - Property Manager

Joyce Berner - Dir. of Music;

Flossie Schell - Sexton; Ellen Jones - Childcare Supervisor

Missionaries - Stephen & Marta Deal family;

Ministers: All People of Grace

WARM CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

It is gratifying to welcome all who have come to worship the Lord today. We're especially pleased to greet all visitors. We welcome you!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during our services today. We welcome all who are worshipping with us to participate and simply ask that you realize Lutherans believe that Christ is here and by worshipping with Him, we receive forgiveness of our sins. Children are welcomed and encouraged to come forward, with their parents, to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will come to your pew to administer communion. We also have Gluten/Dairy free wafers. Please ask the Pastor for one, if you have these dietary restrictions.



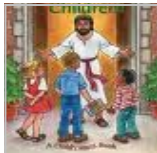
Holy Communion

IMPORTANT VISITOR & GUEST INFORMATION



WELCOME! If you are visiting Grace for the first time today, please take a WELCOME BAG on the table near the main front doors. Also, please be sure to fill out the "Sharing God's Grace" insert in the Ledger and place it in the offering plate. We hope today's worship service helps you to know & experience God's amazing grace! Please come again soon!

Children are welcome in all of our worship services at Grace! Tot Spot hours, are in affect for both worship services! (Mrs. Ellen Jones is our Sunday morning childcare director; she lovingly supervises children birth to age 5 while parents worship). Stop by room E08 in the Education Building, meet Ellen, check out this ministry to little ones, or even volunteer!



Children's Church located in rooms L08 & L09, is for children KG-2nd grade, during the 10:45 worship service; it's run by volunteers who do stories, games & crafts during the lessons & sermon time. Interested children go with the volunteer waiting in the narthex, after the children's sermon and are returned to parents in the sanctuary during the prayers.

Parents – please make sure your child is in the age-appropriate place!



Need Prayer? Stephen Ministers are available during communion for prayer. Just go to a prayer station (in the narthex & at the side doors) and wait for a Stephen Minister, who'll pray with you. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care & are specially trained to meet your emotional & spiritual needs. If you or someone you know is hurting, talk with our Stephen Leader: *[Judy Lukens]*.

If you miss the opportunity to stop by one of the prayer stations, there's a "prayer box" located in the narthex. Complete a prayer request slip, put it in the box & the Stephen Ministers will pray for you. They can be anonymous or you can include your name. Everything with & through the Stephen Ministry is confidential. We're here for you! In Christ's great love.

There are a limited number of large-print copies of the worship service available for the visually impaired. You can find them on the Narthex windowsill.



Adult Learning and Faith Growth Opportunities

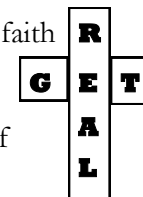
Faith First: Would you like to be with a group of people who start their mornings with God? Join us Wednesday mornings at 7am, at The Main St Café. Questions? Contact Joe Curran at 610-948-4508 (answering machine available, leave a message).



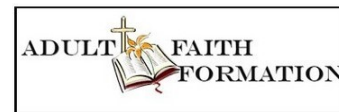
Holy Grounds: Come join us in January on Thursday mornings to study the Old Testament and explore the history of God's love. Why do that? Because it helps us to understand God's love today! We meet on Thursdays at 9:30 in the parlor (lower level of church, room 5). All are welcome!



Get REAL! Join us Monday, Feb. 4th 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: "Coping With Change & Crisis". If interested, **please RSVP to Angela Feist by, Feb. 3rd**, at 570-498-5986 or anchoredinhope@aol.com.



Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation
Sunday school is at 9:30 am., join us for one of our faith engagement opportunities:



The Faith Club: We are reading & discussing a book titled The Faith Club. The setting is New York City after 9/11; an American Muslim woman was confronted with questions by her children about Islam & God. She reached out to two other mothers, a Christian & a Jew, to help her understand not only her religion, but theirs. Join Dr. Judy Stryker in the parlor, at 9:30, as we read and discuss these three religions.

PRISM: Led by Mr. Richard Harshaw. We will be discussing the book, "Who Moved My Cheese" and what it says about change. We meet in the choir room, lower level of church, rm. 4

Mothers and their Cake with Jan Slack meets in the Kitchen.

What is the Bible? Book discussion with Deacon Allison will meet on Thurs., Feb. 21st at 7pm, in the Parlor. If you have not already done so, please complete Part I of the book before we meet.



Youth News at Grace

Check out our website at www.gracelutheranroyersford.com, & watch facebook or see Kelsey for details on upcoming events.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Grace Lutheran Youth Group
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All young people ages 2 years - High School, are invited to join us at 9:15 for Grace Place Sunday School. 2 year olds—Kindergarten in Room E08 (Tot Spot Room); Elementary, Middle & High School in lower level of the church (rooms are marked). Any ??? See Kelsey.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP High School Youth Group—meets from 9:30-10:30am in the youth room. The first half of the year we will be diving into "For The Life of the World" film series & explore how God's purposes are woven into every area of our lives! Join us for community, study, fun, snacks, learning & asking questions.

6th - 12th graders: Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat (formerly know as Harvey Cedars) registrations are available on the youth table in the narthex! Our spring retreat is Fri., 4/5 (4pm) - Sun., 4/7 (2pm). This retreat is a fun weekend away with other youth from our synod, at Tuscarora Inn & Conference center near the Delaware water gap. Registration is \$115 per youth. Forms can be found on the youth table in the narthex. **Registration for this retreat is due Feb. 3rd** to Kelsey, 3 copies of the signed covenant, the medical form & copies of your insurance card and the \$115 fee.

We finally have a date & event planned for the intergenerational mission trip! We'll have our intergenerational trip on 8/10 & 11, at Bear Creek Camp, serving alongside them as they end their summer camp program. We'll help clean up camp & help them prepare for family camp & other fall programs. **Our first meeting will be Sun., 2/10 at noon, in the All Purpose Room.** If you're interested in going, contact Kelsey.



SPONSORSHIPS TODAY

The Flowers are sponsored by Judy Major & Keira in honor of Joshua's birthday on 1/26.
The Bulletins are sponsored by David Fritz in honor of Joshua's birthday on 1/26.
The Window is sponsored by Diane, JJ, Shana & Jason, Aubrey & Tanner in loving memory of John Murphy, for his birthday on 2/6.
The Lamp is sponsored by Sally March & family in loving memory of George K. March, Jr.
The Coffee is sponsored by the Slack family in memory of loved ones.
The Children's Bulletins for January are sponsored by Judy Stryker to the Glory of God.

Worship Assistants - - January 27, 2019

Counting: Team C, Ken Slack **Children's Church:** Amy Stebner
Tot Spot: 8:00 Becki Fretz 10:45 Debbie Armstrong

Usher Teams and Captains: Team 5

8:00: Murray O'Cain, Jack Connelly, Phil Horning, Phil & Julia Plotts
10:45: Carol Ferguson, Tom Sheehan, Mike & Trish McGarry

8:00 **Greeters** 10:45
John & Elaine Snyder Team 4, Renee Holdsworth
Mark & Patty Esslinger Dan & Angela Feist

8:00 **Communion Assistants** 10:45
Cindy Henson C. Marchesani, C. Ferguson,
Kathy Horning K. Mills, R. Troiano & J. Fraunfelder

8:00 **Acolytes & Crucifers** 10:45
Ava R./Ava R. Max N./Max N.

Children's Sermon: 8:00 Karen Asbert 10:45 Brenda Johnson

Readers: 8:00 Becki Fretz 10:45 Nathan McMullan

Tech Table 8:00 Ken 10:45 Jim

THANKS TO... Darrell Lewis - Trustee and Patty Esslinger & Debbie Fritz - Altar Guild Servers & to the volunteers, Joe & Martha Curran, who helped in the office this week.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: May God bring his healing upon & send comfort to: Betty Jane Wade; Barbara Barattucci; Richard DeWalt; Stacy Martin (friend of Judy Lukens); Deacon Allison Wilcox; Bruce Lensch (friend of Claire Nelson); Diane Kelvy (friend & co-worker of Wilma Ries); Terri Mace (friend of Diane Murphy); Spenser Port; Our military personnel & our missionaries Stephen & Marta Deal. We thank God for His healing.

WHAT'S NEW!!



Please plan to attend Grace's annual congregational meeting on Sun., Feb. 3rd. There will be one worship service at 10 am, immediately followed by the meeting. Please note that in addition to voting for new council members, we will be voting on an amendment to the constitution to permit "rostered ministers" (not simply "pastors") to vote. Further info. on that amendment is on the windowsill in the back.

**Worship Assistants - Mark Your Calendars - February 3, 2019
One Service at 10:00AM**

Counting: Team D, Will Moyer **Children's Church:** Marchesanis
Tot Spot: OPEN **Usher Teams and Captains:** Team 6
Greeters: Eric & Becky Fretz and sons, Murray & Elaine O'Cain and Karlee, John Kraus, Carol Ferguson & Tammy Jordan
Communion Assistants: Mike & Trish McGarry, Phil & Mindy Coath
Acolytes & Crucifers: Christopher F./Christopher F.
Children's Sermon: Brenda Johnson **Readers:** Will Moyer
Tech Table John & David Mull

Despite a 2 hour delay due to computer issues, we still managed to have **19 donors give 14 units!** A BIG thanks to the people who returned later in the day to donate. Thank you Susan



please join us Please join us on **Thursday, March 28 at 7pm for the installation of Deacon Allison Wilcox at Grace Lutheran Church.** Bishop Patricia Davenport will be presiding at this wonderful worship service! There will be a reception immediately following the service - you're welcome to lend your help or simply come & show your support!

If you would like to make a contribution towards a gift for Deacon Allison, please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church & **memo it as "deacon's gift"**. Envelopes are available on the back window for cash donations - please mark "deacon's gift" and place in offering plate.

RSVP for Reception after Installation

Name(s):

Contact info:

I am _____ able to attend _____unable to attend

I will: _____ bring dessert _____ bring appetizer

_____help set up _____help clean up

PRAYER FOCUS - Week of 1/27/2018

Sun., 1/27 Light/Electric light patented in 1880.
 Mon., 1/28 Astronauts/Christa McAuliffe Day/Challenger exploded 1986
 Tues., 1/29 Flowers/Carnation Day.
 Wed., 1/30 People with Glaucoma/Glaucoma Awareness Week.
 Thurs., 1/31 The poor/Poverty in America Month.
 Fri., 2/1 Freedom for all/National Freedom Day.
 Sat., 2/2 Small creatures of creation/Groundhog's Day.