

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, March 24, 2019/Third Sunday of Lent

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

New Members Class: Room L08 (Lower level of church)

12:30 P.M.—Tuscarora Retreat Meeting: Parlor

2:00 P.M. - Girl Scout Troop #7160: All Purpose Room

TUESDAY, March 26, 2019

6:30 P.M.—GS Troop #71032: APR

7:00 P.M.—Finance Meeting: Parlor

7:00 P.M.—Christian Education Meeting: Church Office

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2019

9:30 A.M.—Caring Crafters: All Purpose Room

6:30 P.M.—Lenten Meal & Study: Social Hall

7:00 P.M. —AA Meeting: Parlor

THURSDAY, March 21, 2018

9:30 A.M.—“Old Testament” Study: Parlor

7:00 P.M.—Deacon Allison’s Installation: Sanctuary & Social Hall

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Noon—Worship & Music Committee Meeting: Parlor



Luther's Ledger

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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March 24, 2019 — The Third Sunday of Lent

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

We warmly welcome each worshiper here today, members and non-members. May God's love be in us and around us, so that no one feels like a stranger and all know that they are children of our Creator.



GARDENING, ANYONE? God's Good Garden At Grace is about to embark on its 7th year of growing fresh veggies for the community. We're always looking to engage new folks in this ministry, that delivers produce to Open Door, to help feed those in need. It only takes a couple of hours each month, from May-October. Please join our team, get your hands a little dirty, help get those seeds to blossom & yield nourishment, both physical & spiritual, to our area. Contact Kurt Meyers at kmeyers413@verizon.net. Planting time is just around the corner...hopefully!



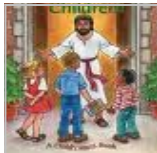
The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during our services today. We welcome all who are worshipping with us to participate and simply ask that you realize Lutherans believe that Christ is here and by worshipping with Him, we receive forgiveness of our sins. Children are welcomed and encouraged 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.

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

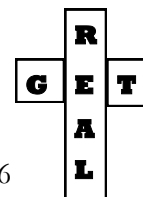
Faith First: Would you like to be with a group of people who start their mornings with God? Join us Wednesday mornings at 7am, at The Main St Café. Questions? Contact Joe Curran at 610-948-4508 (answering machine available, leave a message).



Holy Grounds: Join us on Thursday mornings to read & study scripture together. This group is for anyone who is curious about the bible and how to apply it to today. All are welcome! We meet in the parlor (lower level of church – room 5) from 9:30-11 am.

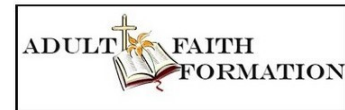


Get REAL! Join us Monday, April 1st at 6:30pm, for dinner & faith discussion, at Giovanni's in Royersford. This monthly group enjoys great conversation about topics that matter most in our lives. The topic this month: "Do-Overs". If interested, please **RSVP to Angela Feist by, March 31st**, at 570-498-5986 or anchoredinhope@aol.com.



The Deacon's Book Club—Our next meeting will be Thurs., April 25th at 7:00 pm. We'll be discussing Part II of *What is the Bible* by Rob Bell. Any question, contact Deacon Allison at deaconallison12@gmail.com.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation
Please join us at 9:30 am., 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.



Youth News at Grace

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



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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. During March, all High school families are encouraged to attend conversational meetings regarding the high school youth ministry program, in room L07.

6th - 12th graders: Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat (formerly know as Harvey Cedars); 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. See Kelsey with questions.

We 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 and other fall programs. See Kelsey with ???



Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed! Our Easter Egg hunt will be on Palm Sunday, April 14th at 9:30am in the All Purpose Room and we are looking for small, bite size, candy donations that can fit into eggs! We'll also take any small items such as erasers and tattoos to fill the eggs with things beyond candy! *All donations must fit into plastic eggs.* Please hand your donations into Kelsey or to the youth table in the Narthex!

Donations DUE by March 31st!

SPONSORSHIPS TODAY

The Flowers are sponsored by Joyce Berner in loving memory of my parents. The Bulletins are sponsored by Judy Stryker in loving memory of my mom, Bertha Braunbeck. The Window is sponsored by Joe & Deb Kamertz in loving memory of mother, Florence Plotts. The Lamp is sponsored by Claire Nelson in loving memory of Glenn. The Coffee is sponsored by Judy Stryker in loving memory of my mom, Bertha Braunbeck. The Children's Bulletins for March are sponsored in honor of all of the children at Grace.

Worship Assistants - March 24, 2019

Counting: Team G, Kurt Meyers **Children's Church:** Amy Stebner
Tot Spot: 8:00 OPEN 10:45 OPEN

Usher Teams and Captains: Team 1

8:00: R. Harshaw, M. Rehrer, M. James, G. Granato & R. Pennypacker
10:45: Dan Feist, Danny Gonzalez, Karen & Darrell Lewis

8:00 **Greeters** 10:45

Debbie Moore/Joanne Palmer Team 6, Darrel & Karen Lewis
Marianne Claypotch

8:00 **Communion Assistants** 10:45

Mike Bauer Debbie Fritz, Roxanne Troiano,
Kathy Mills & Carol Ferguson

8:00 **Acolytes, Crucifers & Torchbearers** 10:45

James F./James F. Aiden O./Alaina M.

Children's Sermon: 8:00 Karen Asbert 10:45 Stephanie McMullan

Readers: 8:00 Brittany Staub 10:45 Jack Claypotch

Tech Table 8:00 Ken 10:45 Jim

Korean Veterans & Viet Nam Veterans: We would like to honor the veterans of the Korean & Viet Nam wars with a plaque, which will be displayed in the narthex. If you know of any church members who served in Korea or Viet Nam, please contact the church office or the following people: Phil Horning, Tom Weikel or Karen Asbert.





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: May God bring his healing upon and send comfort to: Richard DeWalt; Claire Nelson; Nadine Folk (friend of Bev Meitzler); Michael Lebow (son of Patty Lebow); Niki Hlavac (Kelsey's sister); Jean Cooper; the Yudt family (friends of the McMullans); Our military personnel & our missionaries Stephen & Marta Deal. We thank God for His healing.

WHAT'S NEW!!



Don't forget to pick up a 2019 Lenten Devotional in the back of the church.

Worship Assistants - Mark Your Calendars - March 31, 2019

Counting: Team D, Will Moyer **Children's Church:** Reichers
Tot Spot: 8:00 Becki Fretz 10:45 Debbie Armstrong

Usher Teams and Captains: Team 2
 8:00: Glenn Peak, Ken Slack, Danielle, Eli, Tyler & Tobias Lau
 10:45: Bud Meredith, Shawn Alloway, Frank & Laura Gunson

8:00 **Greeters** 10:45
 Jean Peterson, Kathy Parker, Team 1, Sarah & Shaun Nye
 Tammy Epprecht & Logan Tom Sheehan

8:00 **Communion Assistants** 10:45
 Terry Piersol Mike & Trish McGarry, Phil & Mindy Coath

8:00 **Acolytes, Crucifers & Torchbearers** 10:45
 Ashley R./Ashley R. Connor F./Gavin S.

Children's Sermon: 8:00 Danielle Lau 10:45 Judy Lukens
Readers: 8:00 Jackie Perry 10:45 Connie Tracewell
Tech Table 8:00 John 10:45 David Mull

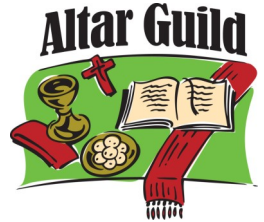
THANKS TO... Mark Esslinger - Trustee and Debbie Armstrong & The Fraunfelter Team - Altar Guild Servers & to the volunteers, who helped in the office this week.

PRAYER FOCUS - Week of 3/24/2018

Sun., 3/24 Treats/National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day.
 Mon., 3/25 Trees/Pecan Day.
 Tues., 3/26 Those with rosacea/Rosacea Awareness Month.
 Wed., 3/27 Joes/National Joes' Day.
 Thurs., 3/28 People suffering from hemophilia/Hemophilia Month.
 Fri., 3/29 Grace's Doctors/Doctor's Day.
 Sat., 3/30 The Caring Crafters/Craft Month.

Attention: Altar Guild Volunteers needed:

Would you like to know what happens behind the scenes to prep for Sunday Worship? Would you agree to spend just a few minutes either before or after the services getting the Altar ready & presentable for The Sacraments?



If so, we're looking for your help. We would like to expand our current Altar Guild teams and build on the volunteers who are currently involved. This is an important function in the church, that is very behind the scenes; but without Altar Guild we would not be able to worship effectively. Candles, wine, communion wafers & other elements of worship would not be available at the right time for each and every service.

If you would like to join an altar guild team, please call **Darrell Lewis at 610-948-8223.**



A few Junior Girl Scouts from Troop #71032, that meets here at Grace, are working on a Bronze

Project to make Foster Care Placement Bags & No Sew Blankets to be donated to area foster kids, through Foster Angels on Earth. There will be a donation collection box in the Welcome Center March 27 - April 9 for the following new items: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Hair Brushes, Children's Pajamas, Small Pillows, Blankets, Stuffed Animals, Coloring Books, Crayons & Small Toys. We thank you for your support in this project.

Please join us on Thursday evening, March 28 for the installation of Allison Wilcox as Deacon at Grace. Worship will begin in the sanctuary promptly at 7pm. Afterwards, please join us for a reception in the social hall to congratulate Allison! We thank God for Deacon Allison's faith, leadership, and many gifts!

