

Pastor's Points: Forgiveness. Such a difficult thing (except when we wish to receive it!) We all understand how easy it is to be hurt and to hurt another's feelings. How well do we understand the true and difficult nature of forgiveness? How easy is it to admit we are wrong and need to be forgiven? How likely are we to offer that grace and

opportunity for healing to one who has hurt us?

This year's Lenten journey will explore the topic of forgiveness by diving into scripture and studying "The Book of Forgiveness" by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Reverend Mpho Tutu. This book uses stories set against the backdrop of apartheid to question the nature and possibility of forgiveness in all kinds of situations. Come and learn "*the fourfold path for healing ourselves and the world*" as proposed by the Tutus.

Whom do you need to forgive? A friend? An enemy? Yourself? How can forgiveness bring healing and restoration? Join us on Wednesday evenings beginning March 13, and Sundays during Lent.



MARCH 2019 WORSHIP SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS



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

Sun., March—Transfiguration of Our Lord/Baptism Sunday

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

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

Tues., March 5—Council Reports Due

Wed., March 6—Ash Wednesday

Noon: Soup & Sacrament in the All Purpose Room

7:00pm: Sung Service in the Sanctuary

Sun., March 10—1st Sunday of Lent/Girl Scout Sunday

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

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

Tues., March 12—Council Meeting: 7PM in the Parlor

Wed., March 13—6:30PM Lenten Soup & Study: Social Hall

Fri., March 15—April Newsletter Deadline

Sun., March 17—2nd Sunday of Lent

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

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

Wed., March 20—6:30PM Lenten Soup & Study: Social Hall

Thurs., March 21—7:00PM - Deacon's Book Club: Parlor

Sat., March 23—8am-Noon: VBS Funshop Workshop &

Box City Weekend (3pm Sat.-noon Sun.)

Sun., March 24—3rd Sunday of Lent

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

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

9:30am New Members Class in the Social Hall

Wed., March 27—6:30PM Lenten Soup & Study: Social Hall

Thurs., March 28—7:00PM Deacon Allison's Installation Service &

Celebration: Sanctuary & Social Hall

Sun., March 31—4th Sunday of Lent

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

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

From The Deacon's Desk: *What's Happening?*

It's been a wonderful eight months for me – and is even more wonderful now that I have been called here to Grace formally as your Deacon. I just can't stop telling you how grateful I am.



I want to take this space to let you know some things that are going on that are exciting me and that I hope you might want to check out:

The monthly Healing Service has been going strong. Please check it out on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Our Interfaith Connections Group has been learning more about our Interfaith neighbors. We have some events coming up we'd love to have you join us in. On 4/2 we'll go to a presentation at Ursinus College by Eboo Patel, a national leader in the Interfaith movement and in May, we'll be coordinating a meal out at a local Indian restaurant. Stay tuned for that and more!

After some hiccups with the start date due to the holidays & bad weather, hopefully by the time you read this, the Deacon's Book Club has finally been able to get off to a start. If you're unable to join us, I hope you might still consider reading *What is the Bible* by Rob Bell. It's a great read!

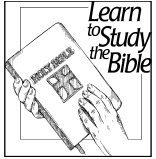
As always, if you have an idea for something related to Adult Faith Formation or Faith Engagement with the community, please let me know!

~ Allison



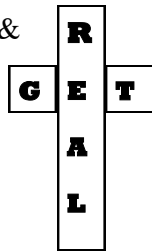
Please remember to write the amount of your offering on your envelopes- it is a huge help to our counting teams! Thank you!

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: New Year's Resolution: Become friends with the Bible! Join us on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 to pray, and read and discuss scripture. We meet 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 meets at 9:30 am.

Join us for one of these faith engagement opportunities.

The Faith Club: Our class will be 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 will be discussing the book, "Who Moved My Cheese" and what it teaches us about change. We meet in the choir room, lower level of church, rm. 4

Mothers & their Cake with Jan Slack meets in the Social Hall kitchen.

Grace Happenings



Please join us on Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm for the installation of Deacon Allison Wilcox, here at Grace!

Please RSVP to the church office by calling (610-948-3684) or emailing (gracelutrn@verizon.net), with the number of people. Please also let us know if

you would like to bring a dessert or appetizer to the reception that will follow that

evening. Donations towards a gift can be made by writing a check to Grace Lutheran Church with the memo: Deacon gift.

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. **Registration deadline is May 12th;** if you're

interested in going, contact Kelsey.



The Deacon's Book Club Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21st 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.

Grace's New Member Class—We will begin our next New Member Class in March, for those who are thinking of making Grace their church home.

All are welcome, but sign-ups are encouraged so we can get a head count. Join us on the following dates to learn more about Grace, the Lutheran Church & the exciting ministry God has called us all to! If you're interested, please contact Deacon Allison at deaconallison12@gmail.com.



New Member Class Dates: March 24th, April 7th, and April 28th
Time: 9:30 am to 10:30 am **Location: Social Hall**

Prayer Chain Reminder - Please contact Jan Slack (prayer chain coordinator), 610-948-3539 or 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.

Tot Spot is available, at both services, for parents worshipping with us!

Children's Church is for children in KG - 2nd 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!



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—meets from 9:30-10:30am in the youth room. During March, all High school families are encouraged to attend conversational meetings regarding the high school youth ministry program, in room L07.

7th - 12th graders: Don't forget... Box City is at St. James Lutheran church in Limerick, Sat., March 23rd (3pm) - Sun., March 24th (noon). If you registered with Kelsey and have any questions, please contact her and remember... **You will need to find your own box for box city**

6th - 12th graders: Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat (formerly know as Harvey Cedars) Is our spring retreat this year, Fri., April 5th (4pm) - Sun., April 7th (2pm). This retreat is a fun weekend away with other youth from our synod, at Tuscarora Inn & Conference center near the Delaware water gap. If you registered and have questions, please see Kelsey.

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!



MARCH Prayer Focus

1. Employees/Appreciation Day
2. Memories/Old Stuff Day
3. Our country/ National Anthem Day
4. GIs/Hug a GI Day
5. Doughnut Day/Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras
6. Jesus/Ash Wednesday
7. Pork/National Crown Roast of Pork
8. Federal employees / National Recognition Week
9. Farmers/Farmer Day
10. Those suffering with AIDS/HIV/Awareness Day
11. Apples/Johnny Appleseed Day
12. Girl Scouts / Founded 1912
13. Grace's musicians / Music in Our Schools Month
14. Good food/Popcorn Lover's Day
15. Butterflies/ Learn About Butterflies Day
16. Social workers. / Professional Social Work Month
17. The Irish. / St. Patrick's Day
18. Farming/National Agriculture Day
19. Scientists. / Science Month
20. The earth/International Earth Day
21. The Seasons/Spring Equinox
22. Workers/National Goof Off Day
23. Puppies/National Puppy Day
24. Treats/National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day
25. Trees/ Pecan Day
26. Those with Rosacea /Awareness Month
27. Joes/National Joes's Day
28. People suffering from Hemophilia. / Hemophilia Month
29. Grace's Doctors / Doctor's Day
30. The Caring Crafters / Craft Month
31. Vietnam veterans. / The first combat troops ordered into Vietnam in 1965.



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

Email: gracelutrn@verizon.net

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)



A benefactor of the congregation has generously established a mechanism (**Lorraine's Hearing Fund**) to provide financial assistance to members of Grace Lutheran Church who have been diagnosed with hearing impairments. This new fund will help in fulfilling scripture as found in Romans 10:17 “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the word about Christ”. Lorraine's Hearing Fund will begin operation during 2019. The congregation will learn how to apply for awards, what items are covered, how the fund will be administered, etc., in the coming months. Disbursements from the fund are intended to be made twice a year in conjunction with Better Hearing Month (May) and Audiology Awareness Month (October). Contributions to the fund can be given to the church office (Checks written to Grace Lutheran Church with memo: Lorraine's Hearing Fund.) Stay tuned for more information! Questions? Please see a committee member: Roz Capor, Phil Horning, Gary Peteritas, Roxanne Troiano, Pastor Kraus.

Please Remember to Direct Your
2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars® by

March 31, 2019. Through this program,
eligible members can choose where

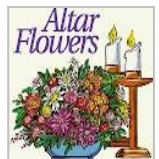
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including Flowers, Bulletins and more;
call the office (610-948-3684) to find out more.



March 2019 Worship Assistants Trustees: Mark Esslinger

Communion Asst.:

3/3: 8:00 Carly Bauer
10:45 Will Moyer, Karen Brown, Danny & Mandy Gonzalez
3/10: 8:00 Joy Fraunfelter
10:45 Kim Weaner, Cristen Nimmerichter, Darrell Lewis & John Snyder
3/17: 8:00 Cindy Henson
10:45 Shawn & Margie Alloway, Gary & Celeste Petritas
3/24: 8:00 Mike Bauer
10:45 Carol Marchesani, Kathy Mills, Carol Ferguson & Roxanne Troiano
3/31: 8:00 Terry Piersol
10:45 Mike & Trish McGarry, Mindy & Phil Coath

Acolytes/Crucifers & Torch Bearers

3/3: 8:00 Ava R./Ashley R. 10:45 Caroline M./Connor F.
TB: Alaina M./Pooja A. Gavin S./Aiden O.
3/10: 8:00 Christopher F./Christopher F. 10:45 Kenny B./Kenny B.
3/17: 8:00 Pooja A./Kiersten I. 10:45 Grace B./Grace B.
3/24: 8:00 James F./James F. 10:45 Aiden O./Alaina M.
3/31: 8:00 Ashley R./Ashley R. 10:45 Connor F./Gavin S.

Tech Table: **3/3:** 8:00 John 10:45 David Mull
3/10: 8:00 Gene 10:45 Dan
3/17: 8:00 David Fritz 10:45 David Fritz
3/24: 8:00 Ken 10:45 Jim
3/31: 8:00 John 10:45 David Mull

Readers: **3/3:** 8:00 Deb Kamertz 10:45 Jack Claypotch

3/10: 8:00 Karen Asbert 10:45 Gracyn Marchesani
3/17: 8:00 David Mahaney 10:45 Darrell Lewis
3/24: 8:00 Brittany Staub 10:45 Jack Claypotch
3/31: 8:00 Jackie Perry 10:45 Connie Tracewell

Counting Teams: **3/3:** Team A, McGarry **3/10:** Team H, Fraunfelter
3/17: Team B **3/24:** Team C, Slack **3/31:** Team D, Moyer

Ushers: **3/3:** Team 4 **3/10:** Team 5 **3/17:** Team 6
3/24: Team 1 **3/31:** Team 2



Altar Guild: Fraunfelter Team

Greeters

3/3: 8:00 Sherri Roussey/Vern & Betty Keeley
10:45 Team 3, Bev & Skip Meitzler/Suzanne O'Neill
3/10: 8:00 Sandy Kerchner/Gladys Pouchan
10:45 Team 4, Dan & Angela Feist/Renee Holdsworth
3/17: 8:00 Becky & Sam Leonard/Glenn Peak
10:45 Team 5, John Kraiss, Carol Ferguson & Tammy Jordan
3/24: 8:00 Debbie Moore/Joanne Palmer
10:45 Team 6, Darrell & Karen Lewis/Marianne Claypotch
3/31: 8:00 Jean Peterson, Tammy Epprecht & Logan/Kathy Parker
10:45 Team 1, Sarah & Shaun Nye/Tom Sheehan

Tot Spot: **3/3:** 8:00 Judy Stryker 10:45 Amy Barattucci
3/10: 8:00 OPEN 10:45 OPEN
3/17: 8:00 Mary Murphy 10:45 Mandy Gonzalez
3/24: 8:00 OPEN 10:45 OPEN
3/31: 8:00 Becki Fretz 10:45 Debbie Armstrong

Children's Sermons:

3/3: 8:00 Jack Claypotch 10:45 Jack Claypotch
3/10: 8:00 Danielle Lau 10:45 Kelsey Hlavac
3/17: 8:00 Jackie Perry 10:45 Brenda Johnson
3/24: 8:00 Karen Asbert 10:45 Stephanie McMullan
3/31: 8:00 TBD 10:45 Judy Lukens

Children's Church: **3/3:** Marchesani's **3/10:** Karen Thomson
3/17: Roxanne Troiano **3/24:** Amy Stebner **3/31:** Reicher's



Healing Service & Ash Wednesday—Please Note:

The normal Healing Service which would be scheduled for March 5th, will be cancelled this month and instead, be part of our Ash Wednesday service. Please join on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) at either noon or 7:00pm. The regular Healing Service schedule will begin again on April 2nd.