

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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*Growing Together Through God's Grace*

DEADLINE FOR THE  
MAY 2020 ISSUE  
OF GRACEFUL GREETINGS  
IS Wednesday, May 15th

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday; 8:00am-noon & 12:30-2:30pm

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**APRIL 12, 2020 EASTER SUNDAY**  
**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
**SUNRISE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**6:30 A.M.**  
**FESTIVAL SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**8:00 AND 10:45 A.M.**



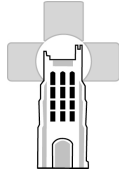
**Any & all worship services, meetings, schedules & events listed or mentioned have been suspended, cancelled or postponed until further notice, pending recommendations from the CDC & County. They are for information purposes only.**

**Holy Week Events**

Palm Sunday - The Passion  
Sun., April 5th, 2020 - 8:00 & 10:45am  
Procession & Blessing of the Palms, Passion Reading  
Holy Communion  
9:30am - EGGSplosion (2 yr. - 6th grade)



Maundy Thursday - April 9th, 2020 at 7:00pm  
Public Confession, Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar  
Good Friday - April 10th, 2020 at 7:00pm  
Service of Tenebrae & Seven Last Words of Jesus



April 2020  
**Graceful Greetings**

**Worship Times: 8:00AM Traditional Service,  
10:45AM Contemporary Service  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 AM  
Holy Communion served at all services.**

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### Pastor's Points:

*"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

We've all heard it, or read it (Psalm 118:24), or maybe even sang it. *How well are we living it?* I recognize that there are some days that before my feet hit the ground, I'm griping. Already. Yikes. (Time to start singing "Change my Heart, O God.") And then, there are some days when the news is really bad and hearts are heavily burdened by grief or seemingly insurmountable problems. Am I really supposed to rejoice in this? (Maybe, those are the days when we just need some kindness & care and let another heart rejoice until ours can again.) But on most days, am I... are we... really living like God did this super cool thing by giving us another day to experience the richness of this world?

If not, are there ways to put those little annoyances into perspective, rather holding onto them as if they have any long-term significance? Can we be mindful of the ratio of defeating versus encouraging words that we share with others? How about counting blessings rather than ticking off grievances? What if we remembered to thank God for everything that is going right, instead of getting stuck in the muck that we sometimes see? *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.* Take a moment. Be good to yourself. Be good to someone else. Enjoy it and thank God!

Peace, Janelle



To Honor and Celebrate Earth Day's 50th Anniversary, Grace will highlight new Environmental Ministry Volunteer Opportunities!

Taking care of the world we live in is just as important as taking care of each other. In an attempt to raise awareness about environmentally friendly volunteer opportunities in our community, they will be highlighted in the ledger as they become known and Danielle Lau will assist in coordinating any specific group events.

*Due to the social distancing requirements, the environmental ministry events have been canceled for April. But don't despair! There are still ways to help make a difference in the environment while social distancing. As you are walking around outside, carry a small trash bag and pick up trash as you find it. If you would like to track what you find, there is an app for that! <https://www.litterati.org/> Litterati is a fantastic app on the global level that allows users to report trash hot spots with pictures and geo-location. It has been used to help raise awareness to where trash items are found and notify the manufactures of the trash so they can take some responsibility for it.*

On the local level there is <https://www.perkiomenwatershed.org/trashspot-app-intro> which is used by the Perkiomen Watershed to find local areas with high levels of trash. These areas are then included in the local clean up events. The next event will be October 31st.

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**Grace's New Member Gathering** – We will be holding our next New Member Gatherings for those who are considering making Grace their church home. All are welcome, but we ask that you contact **Deacon Allison Wilcox by Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**, so that we can get a head count to determine where we will meet.



We invite you to attend to learn more about Grace and our ministries. Hope you can join us!

#### Dates & Times - Sundays:

**April 26<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 am to 10:15 am.**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 am to 10:15 am.**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>: 11:15 am to Noon.**

**Location: TBD (Social Hall or Library depending on group size)**

**RSVP to Deacon Allison Wilcox ([deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com)) Please include your contact information if we do not have it.**

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CALLING ALL GARDENERS...The Groundhog has indicated that there will be an early spring...actually have we even had winter this year? With that being said, God's Good Garden at Grace will be starting its 8<sup>th</sup> year shortly. We are looking for members who enjoy gardening & are willing to give a few hours each month to provide fresh vegetables to those less fortunate in our community. Please email Kurt Meyers at [kmeyers413@verizon.net](mailto:kmeyers413@verizon.net) to be part of the team. Thank You!





## APRIL 2020 WORSHIP SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wed., April 1—Dinner church at 6:30PM**

**Sun., April 5—Palm Sunday**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship  
9:30am Sunday school for all ages

**Tues., April 7—Council Reports Due**

**NO Healing Service**

**Sun., April 12—Easter Sunday**

6:30am Sunrise Service  
8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship  
NO Sunday school

**Mon., April 13 Church Office Closed**

**Thurs., April 16—NO Deacon's Book Club**

**Sun., April 19—2nd Sunday of Easter/First Holy Communion**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship  
9:30am Sunday school for all ages

**Sat., April 25—Startzell Wedding at 2:00PM**

**Sun., April 26—3rd Sunday of Easter**

8:00am Traditional Worship & 10:45am Contemporary Worship  
9:00am New Members Class: Social Hall  
9:30am Sunday school for all ages



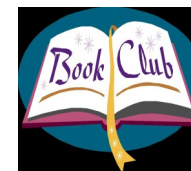
**Caring Crafters**—meet on Wednesdays in the All Purpose Room, from 9:30-11:30am. Our group: Your choice of projects...Create simple crafts in service to our church community, paint rocks for inspiration, make knitted prayer shawls & scarves, make & send cards to our homebound, color to relax. We finish each session with prayers for our congregation & members at Grace.

If you have some time, on a Wednesday morning, join us for fellowship & friendship. All ages welcome. Come when you can; we don't take attendance! Join us for lunch afterwards at a local diner! Any ?? Call Sue Perry 610-495-8587 or Email srperry19@me.com  
**FUN DAY**—The first Wednesday of each month, includes an educational presentation on a variety of topics, social gathering and lunch (soup or salad & sandwich), in the All Purpose Room.



**The next Healing Service**—The usual Healing Service will not take place in April due to our Holy Week worship schedule. Instead we will incorporate the anointing into our Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Deacon's Book Club**—The Deacon's Book Club will not be meeting in April. We will begin a new book at our next meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Keep your eye on the Ledger to see which book it will be!



### From The Deacon's Desk: *Gratitude*

Once again, I want to take this space to thank you all for being such a generous and loving congregation.

I have had a chance now, during worship, to wear all of the stoles, as well as the alb, you have given me. Every time I wear them, I remember my installation service and how special that evening was to me...and how special you all are.

The remainder of your gift came to me in the form of an Amazon gift card. As many of you know, I have a fondness for books, so I look forward to finding new ones to read – and especially ones I can share with you!

I am so grateful to get to serve here at Grace! As we say down in Texas, where I'm from: "Ya'll rock!"

+Peace!

Deacon Allison

**Fellowship Outing** - Sight & Sound Theaters presents JESUS, a live show on the big screen at Regal Theater in Oaks, PA on Sat. April 11th at 12:55pm. Price for adults (age 12-59yr) is \$18, children (3-11yr) and seniors (60+) is \$15. Meeting at church & carpooling is an option. Sign up poster in the Narthex. It is an incredible show! Questions? Contact Brenda Johnson @ 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.

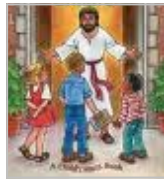


Prayer Lists are available on the back windowsill in the Narthex & in the pew racks. Please take a list home with you to enhance your daily devotions & prayer life; also use it to help you prepare your heart for worship with prayer. Prayer lists name our concerns & thanksgivings and are a way to stay connected to God & to the needs of others.



**If you miss the opportunity to stop by one of the prayer stations, there is a "prayer box" located in the narthex.** Please complete a prayer request slip, place it in the box and the Stephen Ministers will pray for you. These can be anonymous or you can include your name. Remember everything with & through the Stephen Ministry remains confidential. Always know we're here for you! In Christ's great love, your Stephen Ministry.

**Children are welcome in all of our worship services at Grace! We also have "The Tot Spot", for children birth to age 5.** Tot Spot is available during both worship services! Mrs. Ellen Jones is our Sunday morning childcare director & she lovingly supervises children from birth to age 5, while parents worship with us. Please stop by room E07 in the Education Building to meet Ellen, check out this ministry to little ones, or even volunteer!



**ADULT & YOUTH TOT SPOT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - to help Ellen during either the 8:00 or 10:45 service. If you're currently a candidate for Confirmation, volunteering in this capacity fulfills one of your requirements. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time (no more than once every 8 weeks). If interested in helping, contact the church office or Mary Murphy at [marysuemurphy@aol.com](mailto:marysuemurphy@aol.com).

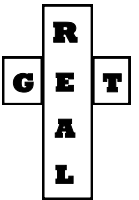


**Faith First:** Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7am, at The Main St Café for breakfast and devotions. All are welcome to the group that loves being fed in body and spirit!



**Holy Grounds:** If you think the Old Testament is only about God's law (and a lot of angry use of it), think again! Love and grace abound in these books! You can learn with us on Thursday mornings from 9:30- 11:00 as we currently study the rise and fall of the nations of Israel and Judah. We meet in room 5 in the lower level of the church. All are welcome!!!

**Get REAL!** Will meet on 4/6, at 6:30PM, for dinner & faith discussion, at Giovanni's in Royersford. "Money, Power & Religion" will be our topic. If you're interested in attending RSVP by 4/5 to **Angela Feist** at 570-498-5986 or [anchoredinhope@aol.com](mailto:anchoredinhope@aol.com).



**Sunday AM Adult Faith Formation Information- - -**  
Our regular adult Sunday classes have begun, join us at 9:30AM, for one of these faith formation options...  
**Join us for a book discussion on "Love Wins"** - The adult Sunday School class will begin reading Love Wins by Rob Bell. It's a book about heaven, hell and the fate of every person who ever lived. Join us for lively discussions, questions, and insights from our enlightened group. Join us in the church parlor every Sunday to read & discuss.

**PRISM Class**—will meet in the choir room, lower level of church, room 4. Book/Topic yet to be announced. Watch the Ledger for more information.

**"Mothers and Their Cake"** will meet in the Social Hall Kitchen, to discover how God shaped women of the Bible, with "Twelve Extraordinary Women", by John MacArthur. Just as they were at the heart of His plan, our lives are not that much different today!

## APRIL Prayer Focus



1. Hard workers/International Fun at Work Day
2. Math Teachers/Mathematics Education Month
3. Colors/Find A Rainbow Day
4. Gardens/National Garden Month
5. Flowers/National Dandelion Day
6. Travelers/National Read A Road Map Day
7. Homemakers/No Housework Day
8. Wellness/World Health Day
9. Birds/Draw A Picture Of A Bird Day
10. Remember Crucifixion/Good Friday
11. Singers/Barber Shop Quartet Day
12. Easter Sunday/Alleluia
13. Young Writers/Encourage A Young Writer Day
14. Uplifting Humor/National Humor Month
15. End Of War/Persian Gulf War Ceasefire
16. God's Comfort In Disaster/The Titanic Hits Iceberg
17. Enjoyment Of Food/ Peach Cobbler Day
18. Good Food/National Cheeseball Day
19. Poets/National Poetry Month
20. Guitar Players/International Guitar Month
21. All Kindergartens
22. Earth Day/Look around and Thank God
23. Fresh Produce/National Zucchini Bread Day
24. Trees/ Arbor Day
25. Enjoyment of Saturday
26. Conversation/National Telephone Day
27. Librarians/School Librarian Day
28. German Heritage/National Pretzel Day
29. Living plants/Greenery Day
30. Truth Telling/National Honesty Day



### **SAVE THE DATE – FOOD PACKING EVENT WITH RISE AGAINST HUNGER.**



On June 13<sup>th</sup>, Grace will be participating in a food packing event alongside other community churches. In total, we will be packing 20,000 meals!! We will need volunteers to help pack meals. Throughout Lent, we will be fundraising to pay for this event. More details to follow! For now, save the date and make a difference in someone's life.

**Worship Toolboxes**—We're trying to engage kids in worship, to understand why we worship and why it's important. We have toolboxes for 2 year olds - 2nd grade and their parents, as well as worship packets for 3rd - 8th grade. Please feel free to take one and use it with your children during worship. The Christian Education Team is focused on engaging youth of all ages in worship. See Kelsey with any questions.

**9:15-10:30 G.R.A.C.E. Place is on!** Join us for Faith formation & education! 2 years - 92 years old are invited to learn and engage in God's action in the world and in scripture, during our educational hour!

**High School Youth Group:** Still looking for hosts for high school youth group one Sunday a month to create faith, fellowship and fun for our high school students. Please see Kelsey if you are interested in hosting for dinner and youth group games.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Youth Gathering 2021 Meetings!** 7th - 11th graders are invited to join us for the ELCA Youth Gathering informational meetings, **our next meeting will be May 3rd, at noon, in the Parlor!**

**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:** [gracelutr@verizon.net](mailto:gracelutr@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)



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on our website at [www.gracelutheranroyersford.com](http://www.gracelutheranroyersford.com).**

## April 2020 Worship Assistants

### **Communion Asst.:**

**4/5:** 8:00 Jan & Ken Slack, Richard & Diane Harshaw  
10:45 Kim Weaner, Cristen Nimmerichter, Darrell Lewis & John Snyder  
**4/12:** 8:00 Kathy Horning, Dave Fritz, Kurt Meyers & Richard Aust  
10:45 Shawn & Margie Alloway, Gary & Celeste Peteritas  
**4/19:** 8:00 Jim Campbell, Zach Miller, Jackie Perry & Kathleen Parker  
10:45 First Holy Communion  
**4/26:** 8:00 Donna Wanamaker, Terry Piersol, Debbie Moore & Mark Rehrer  
10:45 Carol Marchesani, Kathy Mills, Carol Ferguson & Roxanne Troiano

### **Acolytes/Crucifers & Torch Bearers**

**4/5:** 8:00 Ava Reicher/James Fretz 10:45 Caroline & Eric McMullan  
TB: Cristopher Fretz/Tobias Lau Max Novia/Tyler Weaner  
**4/12:** 8:00 K. Ibach/C. Ruiz 10:45 G. Butler/G. Straface  
TB: Max Ruiz/Karlee Roy D. Mengel/C. Finnegan  
**4/19:** 8:00 Lily Gonzalez 10:45 Max Novia  
**4/26:** 8:00 Alaina Marchesani 10:45 Eric McMullan

### **Readers:**

**4/5:** 8:00 Passion Play Readers 10:45 Passion Play Readers  
**4/12:** 8:00 Kurt Meyers 10:45 Jack Claypotch  
**4/19:** 8:00 Deb Kamertz 10:45 Connie Tracewell  
**4/26:** 8:00 Mark Rehrer 10:45 Gracyn Marchesani

### **Ushers:**

**4/5:** 8:00 Team 6 - Gladys Pouchan, Terry Piersol, Judy Stryker, John & Elaine Snyder  
10:45 Matt Finnegan, Will Moyer & Cylee Campbell  
**4/12:** 8:00 Team 1 - Richard Harshaw, Mark Rehrer, Marie James, Greg Granato & Rick Pennypacker  
10:45 Dan Feist, Danny Gonzalez, Karen & Darrell Lewis  
**4/19:** 8:00 Team 2 - Glenn Peak, Ken Slack, Danielle Lau & family  
10:45 Bud Meredith, Shawn Alloway, Paul Martin, Barbara Barattucci  
**4/26:** 8:00 Team 3 - Kurt Meyers, Jim Campbell, Karlee Roy, Mark & Patty Esslinger  
10:45 Karen Thomson, David, Debbie & Mac Fritz



**Trustees:** Bruce Leister

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

### **Greeters**

**4/5:** 8:00 *No schedule provided at time of publication*  
10:45 Team 2 - Matt & Maggie Finnegan/Karen Brown  
**4/12:** 8:00  
10:45 Team 3 - Bev & Skip Meitzler, Suzanne O'Neill  
**4/19:** 8:00  
10:45 Team 4 - Dan & Angela Feist, Renee Holdsworth  
**4/26:** 8:00  
10:45 Team 5 - John Krais/Carol Ferguson/Tammy Jordan

### **Tot Spot:**

<b>4/5:</b> 8:00 OPEN	10:45 OPEN
<b>4/12:</b> 8:00 OPEN	10:45 OPEN
<b>4/19:</b> 8:00 Judy Stryker	10:45 OPEN
<b>4/26:</b> 8:00 OPEN	10:45 OPEN

### **Children's Sermons:**

<b>4/5:</b> 8:00 Danielle Lau	10:45 Brenda Johnson
<b>4/12:</b> 8:00 Jackie Perry	10:45 Stephanie McMullan
<b>4/19:</b> 8:00 Jack Claypotch	10:45 No C/S, 1st HC
<b>4/26:</b> 8:00 Danielle Lau	10:45 Angela Feist

### **Counting Teams:**

**4/5:** Team H - John Krais, John & Joy Fraunfelter  
**4/12:** Volunteers  
**4/19:** Team A - Renee Holdsworth, Mike & Trish McGarry  
**4/26:** Team B - Dennis Stuckey, Steve & Beth Matzke

### **Tech Table:**

<b>4/5:</b> 8:00 David Fritz	10:45 Dan Feist
<b>4/12:</b> 8:00 David Fritz	10:45 Davie Fritz
<b>4/19:</b> 8:00 Ken Slack	10:45 Jim Butler
<b>4/26:</b> 8:00 Gene Capor	10:45 David Mull

