

Pastor's Points: Thanksgiving. Hmm...what is THAT going to look like? Perhaps there will be fewer people gathered than usual. Perhaps there will be fewer dishes prepared. (Did I really need to make so many side dishes, anyway?) Will it even feel like Thanksgiving?



While Thanksgiving isn't technically a "religious" holiday, I think that this year (at least for me), I need to be especially mindful of where Jesus is. By that, I mean making sure that my heart recognizes Jesus at the table bringing the gifts of grace and love. (Sounds pretty sacramental, doesn't it?) I'm going to rely on that grace and love to help me be honest about life- the things that are tough right now AND the things that bring hope. And, I need that love and grace to point me outward, so that I also see Jesus in those who weren't at my table and that I respond to the ones who are hurting, struggling, or feeling afraid. May you see Jesus at your Thanksgiving meal. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. Revelation 3:20



Deacon's Book Club—Please contact Deacon Allison at 610-948-3684 and let her know if you'd like to continue our book (or a new book) via Zoom or through Facebook groups. It is certainly doable!

Deacon Allison will be offering a second Zoom Bible Study.

Join in on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Like Monday's group at 7:30pm, we'll be engaging in the Book of Ecclesiastes. Call the church office for the link, if you would like to take part. If you don't have access to a computer with a webcam, you can still join by phone.



Zoom Pub Theology—Pub Theology—Come talk about matters of faith (with or without your favorite beverage!) in a relaxed & "real" way. This group meets via zoom with Deacon Allison on the 4th (or 5th) Thursday of every month. Next Pub Theology is on Nov. 19th at 7:30pm. Call church office for zoom link.



Join us on Monday evening, November 2nd, from 7:00 to 7:30pm for a time of prayer before the election. This will be a chance to pray for our nation before election day. It will not be a partisan prayer (we won't be praying for particular candidates). Instead it will be a chance to gather together around God's word & pray for God's promise of hope and justice in our fallen world. To join Grace's prayers via zoom, please email Deacon Allison for the link. If you are unable to join us, take a moment that evening to pause and ask for God to guide and lead us during the election and beyond.



Join the churches of Royersford to "**Be the Light**" as we begin the season of Advent. On Sun., November 29th at 4:30 pm, members of Royersford churches will meet at the borough sign, by the train station. We'll share the Light of Christ by praying for our community & the world. If you plan to attend, please contact Pastor Kraiss at jkrais.gracelutrn@verizon.net so that we may provide enough candles for everyone. Let's lift our voices together to pray!

News from Project Outreach

Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal 2020—

Due to Covid 19, we will not be providing our usual sit down dinner; however, our awesome team of volunteers will provide take out meals.

Meals will be available for pick up from Noon to 1:00PM, on Thanksgiving Day at the Royersford United Methodist Church, 380 Church St., Royersford.

Reservations must be made by November 20th

Call 610-948-2329 to reserve your meal.

Christmas 2020—Due to the current situation we WILL NOT be having a distribution center for Christmas gifts this year. We will not be asking for gifts. Instead we're going to do an adoption only program. Here is how it works:

Families can sign up their children for gifts. Applications will be processed by Project Outreach staff.

Any one or groups who want to adopt a family or families need to contact Project Outreach, we will hook them up with families who have registered for help.

Anyone wanting to adopt some children for Christmas, please call 610-948-5111

Deadline for registration will be Dec 1st. This will give the adoptees ample time to shop.



G.R.A.C.E. Place Newsletters:

We are going to continue online G.R.A.C.E. Place for the fall in the form of weekly Newsletters!

They will be sent via email so please let Kelsey know if you do not receive a newsletter! These newsletters will contain activities for youth and families with topics such as mental health and screen time. These topics will include faith formation pieces.



Along with these newsletters, **we'll also have zoom check-in on Sunday's at 9:00am with Kelsey for all ages** & once a month at the beginning of every month, Kelsey will be at Grace with a supply bag for the month that can include supplies for any activities in the newsletters or supplies to create a sacred space in your home! The newsletters and the emails will remind you of these dates! You can stop by the church parking lot at 9:00am for a bag or just to say hello (all while being safe with masks and social distancing). So, the schedule of events looks like this:

On Oct. 25th, you should have picked up a supply bag for November. November 4th, 8th, 15th & 29th are going to be zooms at 9:00am. And Nov. 22nd, you can come to church to meet me & pick up a supply bag for the next month. 9:00am

Confirmation: Confirmation students will be getting an email and letter about what fall looks like this year.

High School: Bring a cup of coffee, hot cocoa or apple cider and join Kelsey & other high school youth in the parking lot of Grace Lutheran Church to gather and reconnect as a high school youth group. Our next meeting will be Nov. 21st, at 2:30pm.

Stay “connected” 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)



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Grace Lutheran Youth Group
“Like” us to see recent news & events

From The Deacon's Desk:

What – and who - are you missing?



I'm not sure about you, but on March 19th, which was the day that our church life at Grace changed dramatically, I had no idea that nearly eight months later we'd still be in the position in which we find ourselves. If you're like me, you're missing the physical interactions with our fellow congregants. While we've been able to stick our toe into increasing those interactions a bit, we are still a long way from where we were. So what do we do? What is it that you are missing most?

Some of Grace's members have joined in Facebook lives & Zoom get-togethers. Those that do take part have expressed a desire to see more of you. They miss you! Currently, I'm leading most of Grace's online fellowship & adult formation activities and I miss you too! Please join us in one of our fellowship times: Pub Theology (which is really about seeing & sharing with each other more than 'pub' or 'theology!'), Get Real, or Sunday's Coffee Hour. Or is there way you'd like to connect, either online or in person? Meeting outside for coffee? Or in Grace's yard for a conversation? Let me know so those of us who miss you, get to see you!



Coffee Hour with Deacon Allison on Sundays at noon. Missing seeing your Grace friends? You don't have to! Join this zoom meeting just to chat and check in with one another. You'll be glad you did! Call church office for zoom link.

2 Facebook Live Opportunities —On Fridays, at 10:00AM, join Deacon Allison to spend some time with one of the **devotional readings from the week.** See our Facebook page for more details.

Join either Pastor Kraiss or Deacon Allison on the Grace Facebook page for live prayer on Sunday mornings at 11 am. Bring your prayer requests or simply pray with us.



Daily Devotions written by Deacon Allison. These are a beautiful and faithful way to begin your day with God. Find them on the Grace fb page, or go to <https://gracemorningdevotion.blogspot.com/>.

NOVEMBER 2020 WORSHIP SERVICES

If you prefer to worship online, our services can be found on our website under the “Worship” tab & on our facebook page.



Sun., Nov. 1—22nd Sunday of Pentecost/All Saints’ Day

Sun., Nov. 8—23rd Sunday of Pentecost

Sun., Nov. 15—24th Sunday of Pentecost

Sun., Nov. 22—25th Sunday of Pentecost

Sun., Nov. 29—1st Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER Prayer Focus



- 1: Special people (All Saint’s Day)
- 2: Look for Circles’ Day
- 3: Homemakers (Housewife’s Day)
- 4: Caregivers (National Caregiver’s Appreciation Month)
- 5: Football players (AFL formed in 1960)
- 6: Saxophone players (Saxophone Day)
- 7: Those suffering from diabetes (Diabetes Month)
- 8: Great Chefs (Cook Something Bold Day)
- 9: The safety of our children (National Child Safety Council founded in 1955)
- 10: All Marines (US Marine Corps Day)
- 11: Veterans (Veteran’s Day)
- 12: Variety of food available (National Pizza with the Works Except Anchovies Day)
- 13: Kindness (World Kindness Day))
- 14: All nurses (Operating Nurse Week)
- 15: American Educators (American Education Week)
- 16: Things that give us comfort {National Teddy Bear Day)
- 17: Peace (World Peace Day)
- 18: Those suffering from lung cancer (Lung Cancer Awareness Week)
- 19: Those dying in wars (Abraham Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address)
- 20: Children of all ages (Universal Children’s Day)
- 21: Personal communication (World Hello Day)
- 22: All Native Americans (Native American Heritage Month)
- 23: America (What Do You Love About America Day)
- 24: Family time together
- 25: All those afflicted with Alzheimer’s (Alzheimer’s Disease Month)
- 26: All of our blessings this year (Thanksgiving Day)
- 27: Wise spending (Black Friday)
- 28: Easy Nutrition (French Toast Day)
- 29: Our Grace family (Family Week)
- 30: Safety with computers (Computer Security Day)



Veterans’ Day is November 11th. Thank you to all who have served to protect the freedoms of our country and secure peace in the world. We also give thanks to those families who sacrificed and supported a loved one who served.

Healing Service is returning! While we still are not able to join in person for a healing service, there will be an opportunity on Sunday, November 8th. Deacon Allison will be at the 10:15 service that day and since Pastor Kraiss will not be leading it, there will be no communion. However, in its place we will do a liturgy of healing. Hope to see you there!



Crafters 2020 Version

Crafters meet in the All Purpose Room, Wednesdays at 10AM. Park on 6th Ave. & enter via the Welcome Center door only (elevator is available). Things to remember: wear a mask; bring your own water, coffee, tea; bring your own craft from home in your own bag. Join us for conversation, mailing of monthly post cards & prayer. Email me with thoughts or concerns. Pass along to those without email if you are meeting with them.

Love, Sue Perry srperry19@me.com or 610-310-4915

Mothers and Cake! Please accept your invitation to join in conversation with a warm and caring group of mothers full of life and faith on Sunday mornings at 9:30. This group of moms gathers by Zoom to spend some time encouraging and being encouraged. For information and the zoom link, please contact Jan Slack at mjkk13539@comcast.net.



Pastor Kraiss will be on a much deserved vacation from 11/2-11/14; we wish her a wonderful time of relaxation, rest & renewal. For any Pastoral needs, please call the church office at 610-948-3684.