



August 2021
Graceful Greetings



AUGUST 2021 WORSHIP SERVICES

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



- Sun., August 1—10th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sun., August 8—11th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sun., August 15—12th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sun., August 22—13th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sun., August 29—14th Sunday after Pentecost

Summer worship at Grace:

There are 4 wonderful and inspiring ways to worship this summer!

Sunday 9am - indoor in the sanctuary. Live music and the praise band plays twice each month! Communion celebrated.

Sunday 10:15 am - outdoor on the office lawn (rain or shine). Live music – bring your chair! Communion celebrated.

Wednesday 6:30 pm- outdoor on the office lawn (rain or shine). Casual, conversational worship in the evening breezes! Communion celebrated. (Bring a dinner and join us for conversation at 6 pm!)

Livestream of 9 am Sunday service – available at your home... on vacation.. whenever you're ready to worship! (youtube channel: GraceLutheranRoyersford or recorded to www.gracelutheranroyersford.com)



Fill your heart; restore your soul; worship!

Our Job Openings Have Been Filled!!



We are excited to announce that both of our job openings have been filled. We are blessed to have found qualified candidates for each position and look forward to everyone getting to know them, as they figure out all of their new job responsibilities.

Our new Property Manager will be Steve Matzke and our new Sexton will be Terri Mace. Both are members of our congregation and familiar with Grace Lutheran and are eager to do a good job. Please take some time over the next few months to say hello and make their transition as easy as possible.

Thank you, John F. Perry—Chairman, Mutual Ministry Committee

Pastor's Points: Last week, I got to spend some time with Silas, my 4 year old grandson at the beach. For a couple of hours, we jumped the waves. Walk into the water... jump over the little crashing wave... turn and run back to the shore, laughing and kicking at the spray. Repeat. And oh, each time (no kidding, it really was EACH time) Silas would turn back to the ocean and exclaim "*There's a bunch more!*"



His joy in the never-ending onslaught of waves to jump and splash in was exuberant and contagious! It was impossible not to laugh and feel like these waves were the greatest miracles ever. And in that moment- they were little miracles- or at least reminders of the abundant blessings of God that just keep coming and coming – no end in sight. So today, I count my blessings... family and friends, a congregation filled with amazing people of faith, work that is meaningful and fulfilling, good health, a beautiful sunshiny day, and well, *there's a bunch more!*

May the blessings of God be evident in your life today. May you find joy in these blessings that cause you to laugh, or sing, or simply smile. May you be filled with the faith, that when it comes to God's blessings, "*there's a bunch more!*"

From the Deacon's Desk: Challenge & The Story of God



By now, our sermon series on scripture, "The Story of God," is in full swing. I hope that it is meaningful for you, and I hope also that you are being challenged by it. By that I mean, I hope that it is shaking some things loose for you – things you've wondered about, things you've clung to. Maybe it will help you let go of some things that are no longer useful to you in how you see God, Scripture, and Jesus. Being challenged isn't comfortable, but the Jesus we follow did it all the time. He constantly challenged how the religious folks of his day viewed scripture. Jesus knew, as really, we all know, that you only grow when you are challenged in some way.

There are a lot of ways to view scripture out there, and there are also a lot of "Christianities" out there. As Lutherans, the lens through which we view scripture isn't always the one that gets the most air play in public discourse. But it is one that Pastor Kraus and I try to offer as beautiful and life giving. It is our hope that if this series challenges you in anyway, it challenges you in that way – to help you see the beauty and life offered by the God we follow through Jesus Christ.

As always, you are invited to dig deeper in scripture through Bible Studies or through the daily devotions here: allisonwilcox.com

Grace Lutheran Church Fundraiser for Lorraine's Hearing Fund

(provides financial assistance to individuals who have been diagnosed with a hearing impairment)

When: Thursday, September 2, 2021

Where: Giovanni's Pizza and Restaurant, 466 Main St., Royersford

Hours: 10am-9:30pm



(A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to Lorraine's Hearing Fund)
Why cook in this heat, when you can have a date night or a night out with friends,
have someone else cook for you and raise money for a great cause?

Worship volunteers are needed immediately!!! Please help worship run smoothly by volunteering to usher, count offering, read lessons, or help at the tech desk. Most of these will not require serving more than once every 2 months, and scheduling is very flexible. We train and it's a great way to serve God and the congregation! (Our need for tech desk volunteers is especially great- if you can click through a power point, we need you!) If interested, or you have questions, please contact the church office at gracelutrn@verizon.net or 610-948-3684, or contact the following leaders: Ushers: Madison Johnson, Counters: Kurt Meyers, Readers: Joy Fraunfelter, Tech Helpers: Jim Butler. THANK YOU!!!!



Unity Day is Coming...September 11! Social Ministry and Faith Engagement at Grace will be running a collection drive to benefit the residents at Golden Age Manor, in Royersford. During Unity Day, the community will pack bags for the residents, using the items we collect. Our goal is to pack 100 bags!! There are two ways where we need your help.

First, you can purchase any of the following items OR give the church office any monetary donations for us to purchase the following:

Toothbrush (individually wrapped), Toothpaste (full size), Shampoo (travel size), Conditioner (travel size), Bar of soap (full size), Hand sanitizer (travel size), Deodorant (full size), Word Search Activity book – large print if possible, Socks (new, unisex)

Important Notes: New, unopened items only please!

Monetary & check donations should be clearly marked "for Unity Day collection"!

If you do not want to go out and shop, most of these items can be found on Amazon!

Second, we will need volunteers to collect the donations and sort the donations. Curbside collection dates will be: Saturdays, August 7, 14 & 21, 10:00am to noon

If you can volunteer to collect donations on any of these dates, please contact Diane Harshaw or the Church office. Diane will be collecting names and keeping the list.

Collections will also take place at our various church services; we do not need volunteers for that.

If you have any questions, please contact either:

Angela Feist or Diane Harshaw or call the church office at 610-948-3684.

YOUTH NEWS

Weekly Family Newsletters: For continued Faith Formation via email.

Leadership Camp: 6th – 12th grade—1-week, August 8-14, with daily opportunity to learn about your leadership skills, advocacy and how God is working amidst it all. Register on-line.

Tie-Dye Day: August 22nd—More information to come.



**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Grace Lutheran Youth Group
"Like" us to see recent news & events**

Check Out These Other Great Ways to Stay Connected

Conversation & Community—won't be meeting in July and August. Stay tuned for more information in September.



Deacon Allison's Zoom Bible Study—We are studying the Gospel of John. If you've been thinking about trying out Bible Study, why not start now? We have a great group of people who would love to have more people to converse with. We continue to meet at 7:00 pm through Zoom on Monday evenings and at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings. Both groups will be studying the same material. We'd love to have you join us at one of these times! And if your schedule is fluid, you can join whichever group meets your weekly needs. Contact deaconallison12@gmail.com or the church office for a link.

2 Facebook Live Opportunities —Join Deacon Allison on **Thursdays at noon** for a deeper dive into one of the week's devotionals. Also, either Pastor Kraiss or Deacon Allison will return to leading Facebook Live prayer time on **Sunday mornings at 11 am**



Morning Grace Daily Devotions. Check out the new site for Morning Grace Devotions at allisonwilcox.com. You can sign up there to receive devotions in your email box Mondays - Fridays.



New Noon Coffee Hour & Get Real Link Info.! 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! There is a new link we will use for Sunday Coffee Hour (Noon) and Get Real going forward. Please check your email for the details and new link or call Angela Feist or the church office at 610-948-3684 for the new link or more info.



Our Prayer List Coordinator—Becky Leonard is our Prayer List Coordinator. Becky is a wonderful addition to our volunteers, who help keep our church family connected & growing. Please send any prayer requests to Becky at bellpn@aol.com or you can call the church office at 610-948-3684 and leave a message. Thank you for sharing your joys & concerns and praying for others.



Stay "connected" wherever you go! We're all over social media!!

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