

# Luther's Ledger Announcements for 9/26/2021

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** The family & friends of Tom Sheehan and Mike Gennaria (brother of Pat Weikel), as they mourn their passing; Gerry Pennypacker (Rick Pennypacker's brother); Jerry Johnson, Sr. (father of Brenda Johnson); Ray Weikel; Janet Neff; Fred Krommes (uncle of Jack Claypotch); Joyce Straub; Barbara Wells (relative of Phil & Betty Wagner); Bev & Skip Meitzler; Our military personnel & our missionaries Stephen & Marta Deal. We thank God for His healing.

If you have a prayer that you would like added to our prayers, please email it to the church office at [gracelutrn@verizon.net](mailto:gracelutrn@verizon.net) or leave it on the church phone at 610-948-3684. It may be a prayer for someone who is ill or struggling, or in thanksgiving for a healthcare worker/first responder/someone keeping stores open, or in gratitude for a blessing this week.

### **PRAYER FOCUS - Week of 9/26/2021**

Sun., 9/26 Apples/Johnny Appleseed Day, born 1774.  
Mon., 9/27 Family physical activity/Family Health & Fitness Day.  
Tues., 9/28 Good neighbors/National Good Neighbor Day.  
Wed., 9/29 Our cats/Happy Cat Month.  
Thurs., 9/30 Healthy eating/Cholesterol Education Month.  
Fri., 10/1 Older Lutherans/International Day of Older Persons  
Sat., 10/2 People of German ancestry (German American Heritage Month)



## Youth News...

### **We are postponing our G.R.A.C.E. Place educational programming.**

Instead of starting September 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our program will run the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, October through December, 9:30-10:15am. (Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>; Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>; Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>). We will do as much of our programming as possible outside. **This change does not affect confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> communion.** We have had to change our programming due to limited volunteers. Our programs run because of amazing volunteers. We are thankful we can provide faith education & formation for your families this year. We want to continue to provide opportunities for your families and ask that you consider volunteering.

### **Leadership Camp Events: Tyler Lau wants YOU to help the environment!**

Turn off Your AC or Heater TODAY! Did you know that heating & air conditioning make-up an average 40% of the energy used in your home? That energy is made in power plants that give off air pollution. Turn Off Your AC or Heater TODAY! It will save you money AND help the environment. **Be conscious of your usage all through September!**

### **Alexandra Sullivan invites you to help clean-up and save the sea turtles TODAY!**

**Sea Turtle Street Sweep (Trash Clean-up) Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm at Grace Lutheran Church. No Sign-up necessary!** Have you ever wondered what you can do for the environment? The Sea Turtle Street Sweep is an easy way to help the environment and it only takes one day! The Sea Turtle Street Sweep will be on September 26<sup>th</sup>, and we will be cleaning up some areas in Royersford. We will start gathering at 12pm at the main doors of Grace on Main Street then walk around Royersford together and clean-up some trash! This will help save some turtles (and other wildlife of course) from getting injured when the trash would wash out to sea. There will be no sign-up needed and anyone can help, all help appreciated!



## Here Are Some Great Ways to Connect

**Deacon Allison's Zoom Bible Study**—Our Zoom study of the Gospel of John continues. It is never too late to join in! We have two great groups 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. If your schedule is fluid, you can join whichever group meets your weekly needs. Contact [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com) or the church office for a link. Both groups have elected to continue meeting via Zoom for the rest of the year. If have suggestions for other in-person gathering for adult faith formation, please let Deacon Allison know.



**Conversation & Community**—Conversation & Community continues to be on hiatus. Contact Deacon Allison at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking part in future conversations.

**Daily Devotions written by Deacon Allison.** Morning Grace devotions have returned. The new web address is [allisonwilcox.com](http://allisonwilcox.com). You can access the devotions there or sign up on the front page to receive them in your email box each morning. You will need to sign up again if you've been receiving them from the other blog site.

**On Thursdays at Noon, Deacon Allison's Facebook Live** time is devoted to spending some time with one of the **devotional readings from the week**. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join in on the conversation live by asking her questions or sharing your thoughts on the passage.



**Join either Pastor Kraus or Deacon Allison on the Grace Facebook page for live prayer on Sundays, usually at noon.** However, now that we have started our fall schedule times may vary. **Please check our FB page on Sunday mornings for details.** Bring your prayer requests or simply pray with us.



**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](mailto:bellpn@aol.com) or you can call the church office at 610-948-3684 to leave a message. Thank you for sharing your joys & concerns and praying for others.





**Fall Worship at Grace:** Here's what Sunday mornings look like now:

8:15 am: Traditional worship in the sanctuary, centered on Word & Sacrament. Inspiring music, faithful preaching, life-giving Communion. (Communion will initially be celebrated using communion kits.)

9:30 am: Grace Place! On Hold! See Youth News above for updates & details. (Sunday School for 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grades) Confirmation classes will run from 9:15-10:15. Classes will be held outside, weather permitting.

10:30 am: Contemporary worship in the sanctuary, centered on Word and Sacrament, in a less formal format. Spirit-filled music by Spirit of Grace praise band. Children's sermon by Kelsey. Communion will initially be celebrated using communion kits. This service will be livestreamed to our Youtube channel at GraceLutheranRoyersford. Subscribe to receive notifications and don't forget to talk with us in the chat!



**Last Week for WoW!** Grace will offer outdoor worship at our WoW (Worship on Wednesdays) at 6:30 pm. (Come early at 6 pm for conversation or bring your dinner to eat with us!) We meet on the office lawn for about 30-40 minutes and we do celebrate communion. So far, we've always had gentle breezes and singing birds! (Don't forget to bring a lawn chair!). Our last WoW will be 9/29!

The 10:30 am worship livestream is always recorded and saved to our website at [www.GraceLutheranRoyersford.com](http://www.GraceLutheranRoyersford.com), where you can view it at your convenience.

Grace will continue to follow local guidelines for masks and other recommendations. Currently, we are asking all worshipers to wear a mask for their protection and the protection of children who are not eligible for vaccinations. (We're a family church – we love our kids!) Please continue to follow social distance guidelines, *especially* when you are in the buildings.

We look forward to gathering in other exciting ways this fall too! Watch for information on food truck Sundays, family-friendly and safe service projects following worship, and a church picnic at Victory Park. Join us. Bring a friend (or 5). Give yourself the gift of weekly worship to renew and grow and experience God's grace.



***Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation***—We're working on beginning adult faith formation classes in person again, on Sunday mornings. Judy Stryker & Richard Harshaw will continue where they left off with their Sunday morning classes. Please continue to read your Ledger for details. For now, **Richard's class has begun meeting in the Choir Room, starting at 9:15am.**

**Fundraiser Results!** The committee for the Lorraine Hearing Fund is pleased to report that \$523 was raised as a result of our fundraiser with Giovanni's Pizza Restaurant. We are thankful to all that participated for their generosity, as well as to Giovanni's who so willingly agreed to sponsor this fundraiser. As a reminder, the Lorraine Hearing Fund was created to provide financial assistance to members of Grace who have hearing impairment.



## Important Special Congregational Meeting:

Please join us for a brief, but very important special congregational meeting to approve the replacement of our Sanctuary, Welcome Center, and Education Building roofs. It will be held on **Sunday, September 26th at 11:30 am in the sanctuary** (following the 10:30 am service). You may attend in person, or via zoom. (Contact office for zoom link.) We will ask approval for \$90,000- \$100,000 for this project to cover the projected cost and any contingencies.

above and beyond your regular giving. Please prayerfully consider a supplementary gift that you can make at this time, to keep our 120-year-old sanctuary from falling into disrepair. For those of you who may be subject to Required Minimum Distributions from your IRAs or other qualified plans you may want to consider using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to make a contribution. Using a QCD allows the funds to go directly to a charity, can help to satisfy your RMD, may not be taxable to you or add to your taxable income for the year the QCD is made. Check with your tax advisor and contact your financial institution for information on how to do so.



Hello members of Grace!

We are excited to be planning a gift for our neighbors at the Southeastern Veteran's Center! We are collecting the two main items they asked for:

- New, large print word search/puzzle books (like the ones we collected for Unity Day/Golden Age Manor)
- New, ADULT coloring books (not children's!)

If you would like to purchase and donate either of these two items, please leave these donations on the table in the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance to the church. These books, along with some other requested items, will be packed in tote bags on October 31, BY THE CONGREGATION. We need your help! Details to follow. Help us be a blessing to our Veterans!!



## Important Message for all groups, troops & ministries starting up again on campus

We are still in ever evolving days when it comes to requests and recommendations relating to how best to react to Covid-19 and its variants. Currently, the CDC and local guidelines, along with the ELCA Synod are strongly recommending that all indoor meeting participants, whether vaccinated or not, wear a mask while inside. We are also suggesting that you do your best to social distance, as much as possible, in your respective indoor spaces. Let's do everything we can to care for one another; mask up and social distance while indoors. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

