

May 2022

Graceful Greetings



MAY 2022 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., May 1—Third Sunday of Easter
Sun., May 8—Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sun., May 15—Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sun., May 22—Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sun., May 29—Seventh Sunday of Easter

STRUNK FUND APPLICATIONS

Letters of application are being accepted now through the end of May for scholarships for 2 or 4 year colleges or trade schools. You must be enrolled as a full-time student, in an undergraduate degree program. You may only be eligible for this scholarship for a maximum of four (4) years. Awards will be given in July/August. The committee will announce the recipients in June. All applicants must be a baptized/confirmed member of Grace Lutheran Church and new applicants are required to write a letter of application which includes the following information:

1. Your service and manner of attendance to Sunday School & church. If you worship online at Grace, submit a selfie that shows you worshipping online OR a screenshot of the service.
2. List youth group activities, which must include service projects (i.e. work camps, work days, national youth gathering, etc.).
3. Your high school scholastic record if you are to start college, or past college records if you are in college presently. Copies of official transcripts must be included.
4. Name of school, course selections & whether you will be a resident or commuter student.
5. Civic organizations and high school activities in which you participate.
6. **If you previously received a grant from the Strunk Fund, the following information is required:**
 - A. an official school transcript and list of your activities since your last application. College transcripts, must have a minimum 2.0 average to be eligible for consideration.
 - B. Participation in a service project either at college, in the community or the church and a letter from the organization, stating your involvement.
 - C. Regular worship attendance at a church or chapel, while at college. Worship may be:
 - 1- In-person (Submit bulletin or picture from worship service)
 - 2- Online (Submit selfie that shows you worshipping online OR screenshot of online service)
 - 3-Campus bible study group (Submit selfie that shows you with group)
 - D. Regular worship attendance at Grace, while home for breaks.

Applications are to be received by the church office by May 31st and be clearly marked as Strunk Fund Application. No applications will be accepted after May 31st. A submitted application does not guarantee a scholarship.

...The Strunk Fund Committee

Debbie Armstrong , Joy Fraunfelter, Kelsey Hlavac, Glenn Peak, & Pastor Kraiss

All requirements must be met (all carry equal value) to receive a scholarship.

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Pastor's Points: Connection... relationship... *what's going on?*

The thing I've missed the most during the pandemic was the opportunity to easily see other people, and I know many of you have felt the same way. I miss some of the ways we used to meet and I dearly miss those conversations where stories were shared and questions asked.

So, I'm inviting you to join me on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning in May. This will be an hour to gather, see some familiar faces and meet a few new ones, and ask questions. Any question. It can be about what is going on at Grace, or a theological question that has been on your mind (gosh, I love those), or what is happening in the larger church or our Royersford community, or my opinion on something happening in the world.

For now, we'll meet on zoom at 7 pm starting Wednesday, May 4th for a little *Q & A with PK*. (Here's the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7618212325>) I hope you'll join us and have some fun! I'll start each evening with a very brief personal story, and we'll go from there!



From the Deacon's Desk: New Things

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?"

Those are the words from Isaiah that I preached on early in April, and they have stayed with me since then. I've been thinking about "new things" lately. Recently, in one of the groups I was part of we discussed the livestreaming we've been doing, and someone commented how that was one good thing that came out of the pandemic. Folks at home are now able to worship when they might otherwise not have been able to.

Another new thing last year was the outdoor worship. We are appreciative for everyone who has responded to our outdoor worship survey. At the time of publication of the newsletter, firm timing plans for outdoor worship haven't yet been made, but check the weekly announcements for when the summer worship schedule is published.

With these in mind, this month I'm asking a couple of questions: **What is one new thing that you've noticed or had happen or been part of in the past two years that is affirming or positive? Where have you seen God at work in new ways? (this can be at church or any where else you've noticed it in the world).**

I'll ask this question again on our Facebook page: please feel free to put your answers there!

Blessings!

Our Prayer List Coordinator is Becky Leonard. Becky is a wonderful addition to our volunteers, who help keep our church family connected and 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.



YOUTH NEWS



Join us for G.R.A.C.E. Place from 9:30am – 10:15am May 1st & May 15th

May 1st is G.R.A.C.E. Place for individual classes:

2 year old – kindergarten in the Social Hall, 1st – 2nd grade in LO9, &
3rd – 6th graders in the Welcome Center

May 15th will be large group G.R.A.C.E. Place where we will be packing snack bags for the Welcome Church at the end of May!

We are looking towards the fall and need parent volunteers to help lead classes. Please be prayerful about this opportunity and email Kelsey if you'd like to volunteer.

May 29th Volunteer with The Welcome Church!

Join Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 29th to volunteer with the Welcome Church in Philly. We are looking for volunteers to come down to Aviator Park to worship with the welcome church and then hand out snack bags and drinks for their coffee hour! *If you are interested in volunteering, please see Kelsey and we will send out details to you!*

Vacation Bible School Sun. July 10th – Thur. July 14th

Join Grace for our *Monumental* VBS from 6-8pm this July Dinner will be provided at 5:30pm! Register NOW! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/98f39a>

Leadership Camp – Mon. June 13th – Fri. June 17th / 9am – 2pm

Leadership camp is back! 6th – 12th graders are invited to learn about their leadership styles, advocacy, and how our faith intertwines it all! Then, create an advocacy event here at Grace! Register for leadership camp by emailing Kelsey (ktomlinson.gracelutr@outlook.com)!



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

Relief to the people of Ukraine can be sent through Lutheran World Relief. See their website at www.lwr.org, or send checks to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061, memo: aid to Ukraine.



Lorraine's Hearing Fund (created to provide financial assistance to members of Grace who have a hearing impairment), will take applications for those needing equipment/devices, education, or technology. Awards up to \$2,500 each will be considered for applicants. To apply, pick up an application on Sundays on our information tables, or email Roxanne Troiano (rmtroiano@verizon.net) and she will either email or mail you an application (whichever is best for the applicant). **All applications must be received by May 31, 2022.** Applicants will be notified in June of eligibility and the amount of the award. **If you would like to financially support this fund, donations may be made out to Grace Lutheran Church (write Lorraine's Hearing Fund in memo). Thank you!**

Check Out These Other Great Ways to Stay Connected



Richard Harshaw is leading a group for fellowship & discussion, Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. You can find Richard in the choir room.

Judy Stryker's book discussion group will begin again in September.

Plans are underway to resume the mother's bible study group on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in joining, see either Sue Ibach, Karen Thomson, or Deacon Allison. Indicate whether you prefer to meet in person or by Zoom.

If you have an idea about an adult group you'd like to see on Sunday mornings, please let Deacon Allison know.

A study of the Gospel of Luke continues. Come join us! No experience necessary! Come find out how exciting scripture is. On Sunday mornings we get only a taste. One of the things this group has discovered is just how different the gospels are for each other. We meet via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Monday evenings and at 10:00 am on Thursday mornings. Both groups study the same material. Anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Contact deaconallison12@gmail.com or the church office for a link.



Membership Information Classes—There are 2 opportunities for Member Information classes this month; both will be on Zoom at 7:00 pm. **You can join us on either Wednesday, May 4th or Thursday, May 19th.** You only need to attend 1 session. Please contact Deacon Allison at deaconallison12@gmail.com for more information or to get a link to one of these sessions.

Facebook Live Opportunity —Join either Pastor Kraiss or Deacon Allison for prayer time on **Sundays**. **Times will fluctuate** based on what is happening with our in-person Sunday morning schedule. The Thursday Facebook Live has ended, but Deacon Allison will occasionally host one at various times. Check the Facebook page for updates.

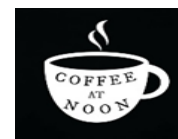


Morning Grace Daily Devotions. You can find our Morning Grace Devotions at allisonwilcox.com. Sign up there to receive devotions in your email box Mondays through Fridays.

Healing Service—If you are interested in the Healing Service starting up again via Zoom (at least for now until numbers go back down), please let Deacon Allison know! (deaconallison12@gmail.com)



Noon Coffee Hour & Get Real Link Info.! Miss 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! Please call Angela Feist or the church office at 610-948-3684 for the new link or more info.



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

Website: www.gracelutheranroyersford.com

Email: gracelutrn@verizon.net

YouTube Channel: [gracelutheranroyersford](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Instagram search: [grace.lutheran.royersford](https://www.instagram.com/grace.lutheran.royersford)

Facebook search: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Twitter search: [@gracelutheran12](https://twitter.com/gracelutheran12)



God's Good Garden at Grace - As we embark on our 10th year of providing fresh food to our community, the Garden Team is looking for additional volunteers to help grow the program in 2022. Your time commitment may total up to 4 hours a month from May through September & will enable those in our community to enjoy healthy, fresh produce. Please respond to Kurt Meyers or the church office at 610-948-3684, if interested in joining our team. Thank You

Save the Date for a Lorraine's Hearing Fund Fundraiser—This fund provides financial assistance to individuals diagnosed with hearing impairment.

WHEN: Thursday, May 5, 2022 HOURS: 10am-9:30pm

WHERE: Giovanni's Pizza & Restaurant, 466 Main St. Royersford, PA

Why cook when you can have lunch, a date night or a meal out with family and friends. Have someone else cook and clean up, while helping raise money for a great cause. A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to Lorraine's Hearing Fund.



*Volunteers
Needed*



Volunteers needed for Altar Guild. You will be partnered with one or more people & assigned only 2 months/year. Duties include weekly refilling of candles, making communion kits, and changing colors & sign boards, as per church calendar. Pastor Kraus guides & reminds us of what's needed for the month. It's a great way to share & minister with other members of the congregation. Training & support are provided. Please call the church office-610-948-3684, if interested/would like more info. Thank

you, Tammy Jordan

Fellowship Zoom Gathering—Please join me on **Thur., May 19th at 7pm** for our "3rd Thurs Fellowship Zoom". We have a topic or theme to organize our discussion/sharing each month. In Feb., it was hobbies/things we do for fun. In March, we shared our favorite mugs, wore green & learned facts about Ireland. For April, the theme is "What brings me joy". You may show & tell what brings you joy. Feel free to share a photo or other item along with your words. I pray that you find some joy each week and remember that at Grace, we are here for each other, you just need to reach out. Contact myself or the church office to receive an email with Fellowship Zoom link. Peace, Brenda Johnson



