

July 2022

Graceful Greetings



JULY 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.



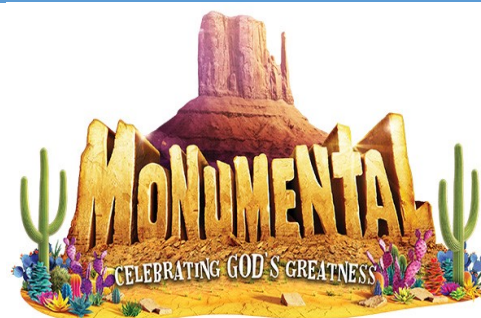
Sun., July 3—Fourth Sunday in Pentecost
Sun., July 10—Fifth Sunday in Pentecost
Sun., July 17—Sixth Sunday in Pentecost
Sun., July 24—Seventh Sunday in Pentecost
Sun., July 31—Eighth Sunday in Pentecost

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th, in observance of the Holiday.

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>



Welcome New Members—We are excited to have had the following new members join us here at Grace on June 5th during our 8:15 service; **Elizabeth & Mark Klinger, and Kathleen Reese**. Join us in welcoming them. We will be holding another round of Membership Information Classes at the end of the summer or early fall and plan to welcome more new members following that.

Fellowship July Events

We'll be meeting to enjoy the free carillon concerts, at the Washington Memorial National Carillon Concerts at Valley Forge National Historical Park, on Route 23. Concerts are free & open to the public, every Wednesday in July & August, rain or shine. starting at 7:30pm. Bring your lawn chair, blankets, snacks, dinner. The Chapel Cabin Shop will be open for refreshments. Grace members will meet on the lawn at the chapel on Wed., July 6th (the carillonneur is from Bryn Mawr, PA) & on Wed., July 27 (the carillonneur is from Poland). Plan on being there by 7pm.



Looking ahead to August... Washington Memorial National Carillon Concert on Wed., Aug 24 (the carillonneur is from Maryland) and then our church picnic at Victory Park on Sun., Aug 28. More details to follow.

Victory Parks is also hosting Summer Concerts on Thursday & Sunday evenings.

Pastor's Points: Summer is here! What are you making time to do? (Vacation, perhaps?) What is helping you to restore and renew? (A book on the beach? Extra time with the kids? A long weekend or two? Picnics, amusement parks, swimming pools?)

All of that is wonderful- please enjoy it all! I hope you'll also explore ways of being intentionally present with God – in creation (beach & mountains are great for that!), with family and friends (and giving thanks for those relationships), and worship, of course! Those who have been coming to Sunday worship at Grace are enjoying the time with one another, loving the music, and finding God in scripture & the proclamation of God's word. If you haven't been here for a while, c'mon back! You're missed – probably more than you know!

Summer services continue to be at 8:15 and 10:30 am. The AC is on; the people are friendly; the Holy Spirit is at work restoring and renewing!



Q & A with PK: Join Pastor Kraiss on Wednesday, July 6th at 7 pm for a discussion of YOUR choosing. Bring your questions and thoughts for an hour of conversation on all kinds of matters. So far, we've discussed the whys and whats of Lutheran communion practices, experiencing and trusting the Holy Spirit, wedding and funeral "behind the scenes" (surprised by that? I was!), and more. Zoom link will be in the Grace email that week.



From the Deacon's Desk: Faith & Life

On June 19th, we began our summer adult series, the Wired Word. I wanted to give you a little more information about it in the hopes that you will be intrigued enough to join us.

Over the years, I've heard many say they don't want politics in church. To that, I'd make a small word change. I don't think partisanship belongs in church. But the word "politics" comes from a Greek word meaning "affairs of the city." Those affairs affect us all, regardless of our political party affiliation. So, in Wired Word, we talk about the affairs of the city, the nation, and the world to see how our faith intersects with those. You can think of it as current events, or civics, meets faith. Recent topics included drought in various parts of the world, the war in Ukraine, as well as what's happening with the state of the Russian church given the war.

Jesus had lots to say about "politics." He confronted injustice and talked about money. He reached out to those who were suffering because of policies in government. So as Christians, we shouldn't avoid talking about politics. What we need more than ever is to learn HOW to talk about issues in the world and politics in ways that are life affirming. Listening to other perspectives with open minds and hearts is a way we learn and grow and can literally help change the world for the better.

God's peace to you!

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

Friday, July 15th purchase your **Longwood Gardens** tickets and enjoy the light installation, main garden fountain performance, and the illuminated fountain performance! Purchase your timed tickets for no later than 8pm to join us for these amazing events at Longwood!



Church Picnic will be August 28th at Victory Park! Mark your calendars for outdoor worship and picnic afterwards!

Keep your eyes and ears open for a summer faith night with the Reading Fightin' Phils (in August)!

This fall we would appreciate more parent volunteers to help lead classes!
Please be prayerful about this opportunity and email Kelsey if you'd like to volunteer.

VBS Décor Dates: Help us set-up and decorate for VBS on Friday, July 8th from 6-8pm / Saturday, July 9th from 11am – 3pm / and Sunday after 10:30am worship! Sign-ups encouraged!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FAEAD22A5F49-vbsdecoration>

VBS Food Donations: Beginning July there will be a sign-up for food donations to help us provide dinner each night of VBS. You will be able to find this on the website or in the 6th Ave. entrance of Grace on July 1st



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

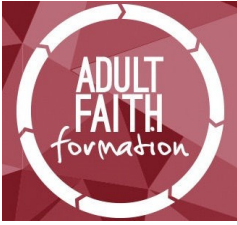
Fellowship Zoom Gathering—Please join me on **Thur., July 21st at 7pm** for our "3rd Thurs Fellowship Zoom". We have a topic or theme to organize our discussion/sharing each month. I pray that you find some fellowship each week and remember that at Grace, we are here for each other, you just need to reach out. Contact myself or the church office to receive an email with Fellowship Zoom link.
Peace, Brenda Johnson



**DO
YOUR
PART.**

Be a Part/Do your Part! There are so many ways to be a part and do your part during worship at Grace, from being a trustee to a techie, from altar guild to assisting with communion, from choir to counting, teaching, reading, gardening, children's sermons & ushering. There's a way everyone can be a part and do their part. Worship works best when everyone works together! Call the church office at 610-948-3684 to find out more about how you can be a part and do your part!

Check Out These Other Great Ways to Stay Connected



Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation & Fellowship

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

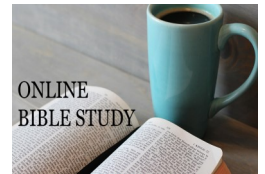
“The Wired Word” discussion on current events and faith meets at 9:15 am in the parlor and will continue throughout the summer.

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, please let Deacon Allison know.

Our 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.



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!!

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Summer Drive



Project Outreach, here in Royersford, has an immediate need to restock some of the essentials on their shelves. We will be collecting items (below) on the following Sundays
July 3, and July 10.

While you are shopping for vacation supplies or grabbing your weekly groceries, please consider adding an item or more to your list. Donations can be placed on the table in the 6th Avenue foyer before or immediately after Worship.

We will be collecting the following **NEW** full size (not travel size) items:

- lotion
- razors
- shaving cream
- feminine care products
- mouthwash
- hand sanitizer
- sanitizing wipes
- cleaning products
- dish soap
- tissues

Stay tuned for details about another drive in August that will support our Community Day project. If you have any questions or would like to assist with any of our service projects, please contact Angela Feist - Faith Engagement (anchoredinhope@aol.com) or Diane Harshaw - Social Ministry (dsharshaw@gmail.com)

THANK
YOU!

Thank you to our worship volunteers!!! Every week, people are busy running tech, reading, singing & playing instruments, being an usher or trustee or reader, delighting little ones (and big ones!) with children's sermons, preparing the altar and worship space, serving communion, and more! *Did you know that more help is needed?* Most of these opportunities have flexibility and they are easy to do! What can you do to help create an inspiring worship service? (Ask Pastor Krais – she can gladly help you figure that out!)

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**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST 2022
ISSUE OF GRACEFUL GREETINGS
IS Friday, July 15th**

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