

June 2022

Graceful Greetings



JUNE 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., June 5—Pentecost Sunday
Sun., June 12—Trinity/Confirmation Sunday
Sun., June 19—Second Sunday in Pentecost
Sun., June 26—Third Sunday in Pentecost

Summer Worship Update - A big thank you to those of you who participated in our survey about summer worship possibilities. After reading through the results, there did not seem to be enough overall interest in a weekly outdoor service. However...there were enough folks who liked the idea of an outdoor service that we want to offer some opportunity.



Therefore, Grace will be having two outdoor worship services this summer – as a way of “bookending” summer. We will worship outdoors on **Sunday, June 26th and Sunday, August 28th**. **Both services will take place during our 10:30 service time.** Stay tuned for more information!



Make beautiful music with your IRA - Are you older than 72 and have those pesky IRA or 401(k) Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) that you need to take for 2022? Do you enjoy the music program at Grace? Would you like hear about a way that you can satisfy all or some of your RMDs, not have to pay income taxes on the distribution AND be able to make beautiful music with the funds at the same time?

You may be able to take advantage of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), that allows you to have your RMD(s) sent directly to Grace Lutheran Church, to help us replace our baby grand piano, that has reached the end of its life span and can no longer be tuned.

You can contact the financial institution that holds your IRA/401(k)/Tax Sheltered Annuity and ask them how you can take advantage of a Qualified Charitable Distribution. You can also direct any questions to Jack Claypotch at 610-489-8201.

Congratulations to Cylee Campbell and her servant heart, for raising \$535 for Ukraine, through her bracelet fundraiser a couple of weeks ago. Cylee, with the support of the congregation showed God’s love through this awesome and unique way to raise money for the people of Ukraine. Great job Cylee!!



Pastor's Points: What are your primary reasons for being part of a church? Never thought of that? I'll get you started by sharing mine... The community of faith helps me to connect more deeply with God through worship, service projects & learning opportunities. Any of those can broaden my understanding of the Divine and touch new places in my heart.



Also, the community of faith helps me to connect with others both inside and outside of the congregation. Grace has been an incredible place to connect me to people who share my faith beliefs and to those who have ideas different from my own. All of these connections give me opportunities to experience God's creation more fully and richly.

And, the community of faith offers something that no other organization offers... the love to let me be uniquely me, the grace to accept my mistakes and support me through them, the encouragement to be the best person I can be (and help others do the same), the opportunities to make a difference in the world in the name of Jesus, and the gift of experiencing God every time we gather.

I'm so grateful for all who are a part of this community – you are the face of God to me in many ways! I miss those who have been away and hope that we reconnect soon! Each of you enrich this community of faith and I pray that you are enriched by it as well.

Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together...but spurring each other on. Hebrews 10:24-25



From the Deacon's Desk: Wired Word

One of the things I have been hearing from people is a wish that there were more in-person Sunday morning options for learning and growing. Currently, we are fortunate to have folks gathering in Richard Harshaw's discussion group, but over the summer there will be another opportunity as well.

Beginning on June 19th, I will be facilitating a small group discussion called "The Wired Word." The Wired Word is an adult curriculum that is geared toward fostering conversations about the intersection of scripture and current events. Each week from June 19th through August 21st we will meet from 9:15 to 10 am in the parlor for a discussion on where we see God at work in national and global events. It will be a time to enrich the ways in which we live out our faith in the world, as well as an opportunity to learn from each other's points of views.

Hope to see you 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 the end of the year celebration on Sunday, June 12th from 9:30-10:15am in the Welcome Center! We'll scream for Ice Cream during our ice cream social party! Celebrate summer, thank our wonderful volunteers, and join us in fellowship!



This summer, we are coordinating monthly family events like Longwood Gardens, Faith Night baseball games, Elmwood Zoo, and a church picnic! Keep your eyes and ears open for all of these opportunities!

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.

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.gracelutrn@outlook.com)!



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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.



On Sunday, June 12, 2022 at the 10:30 service, we will celebrate the joyous rite of confirmation for 7 young people!

We give thanks to God for these students and their parents, who have raised their children in the promises made at baptism.

Our 2022 Confirmation students are: Audrey Ibach, Isabella Mengel, Ava Reicher, Kaitlyn Stebner, Austin Traynor, Addison White, & Hannah White.

We also thank God for this year's faithful confirmation teachers: Julie Buckwalter & Beth Ritchey!

Prayers and Blessings to our Confirmation Class of 2022

Check Out These Other Great Ways to Stay Connected



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

“The Wired Word” begins on Sunday, June 19th at 9:15 am in the parlor.

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.

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!!

Website: www.gracelutheranroyersford.com

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

Facebook search: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Fellowship Zoom Gathering—Please join me on **Thur., June 16th 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



Our Caring Crafters Have Some Big News! They're getting "craftier" by meeting throughout the summer this year! They meet Wednesdays in the All Purpose Room, from 10-11:30am. This group does simple crafts in service to the church community, make & send cards, color to relax & work on crafts from home! They finish with prayers for our families, country & members at Grace. If you have some time on a Wednesday morning, come join us for fellowship, friendship & crafts! All ages are welcome. Come when you can; we don't take attendance!! Join us for lunch afterwards if you want. Any questions, call the church office at 610-948-3684.

Choir News!! We are looking for anyone at Grace who wants to join our choir to sing at the 8:15 service! There will be a short rehearsal before the service each week & we'll be doing simple pieces that will sound wonderful!! Please add your voice to our group and sing a joyful noise unto the Lord!!! See Joyce Berner for more info.



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

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



The Lorraine's Hearing Fund Committee is pleased to report that \$329 was raised at our May fundraiser with Giovanni's Restaurant. We are thankful to all who participated for their support, as well as to Giovanni's for their generosity and willingness to sponsor the fundraiser. This fund was created to provide financial assistance to members of Grace who have hearing impairment; for those needing equipment/devices, education, or technology.



