

October 2022

## Graceful Greetings



### OCTOBER 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., October 2—Seventeenth Sunday in Pentecost  
Sun., October 9—Eighteenth Sunday in Pentecost  
Sun., October 16—Nineteenth Sunday in Pentecost  
Sun., October 23—Twentieth Sunday in Pentecost  
Sun., October 30—Reformation Sunday

#### Stewardship: Blessed to be a Blessing.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world..."  
Light is a source of goodness. When other people see our good examples, they will know that you love our Heavenly Father and they too will want to honor him.

Jesus has shown us many ways to show goodness, kindness, love, gentleness, patience & forgiveness. When we live in Jesus' image, we show our light, and we share it with others.

This year as we again consider our financial pledges for the 2023 budget, may we remember Jesus' light, as we share our own lights. Please join us in worship on October 16 to celebrate our blessings and let our light shine, as we return our 2023 Estimate of Giving cards. There will be a time of celebration and fellowship between services in the Welcome Center for all! May we be a congregation who shares it's light to our community, and may we personally show our lights for doing & supporting God's work. Thank you! Tammy Epprecht, Stewardship Chairperson



**Fellowship News — Grace Lutheran is joining other area churches on Sunday, Oct 16th for the annual Royersford Spring City Crop Walk.**

Crop walk will start at the First UCC Church, at 145 Chestnut Street in Spring City, with registration starting at 12:45 p.m. and the walk starting at 1:15 p.m. We walk from Spring City across the bridge into Royersford. Several churches will act as water & break stations. Please contact Brenda Johnson if you are interested in joining Grace's team of walkers or wishing to make a donation to help stomp out Hunger. Donations can be made online. More info to follow in the weekly emails. Thank you!

**Pastor's Points:** One of the very first songs I learned as a child, was "This Little Light of Mine". Even as young as 3 years old, kids are able to understand that we all have something special about us that we can share. As I grew up in the church, I learned that this special something was a gift given by God and that it looks different for each of us. And, I learned that part of the reason God created me was to share those special gifts with the world. Let it shine.. let it shine... let it shine..



What gifts have been given to you by God? What are the blessings in your life? Have you discovered ways to share them that glorify God and make this world better?

October 16 is Blessed to be a Blessing Sunday, and our focus this year is on being a light in the world. One way to do that is to bless Grace's ongoing and new ministries by completing an Estimate of Giving card for 2023. Your participation helps us to make wise, educated decisions for next year's budget and ministries. (Imagine preparing your own budget without knowing your income!) I hope you'll join us in worship on Oct 16th to celebrate the gifts we've been blessed with and to help us plan well for our future ministries.



***From the Deacon's Desk:***

As we near another Blessed to Be a Blessing Sunday - the time when we renew our commitments to each other and to the church by making our financial pledges for the following year - I thought I would share again a part of my sermon from September 4th - where Jesus gives his disciples some advice about following him. We also are disciples of Jesus, and there are ways in which we can live into that discipleship. One of those ways is by making our financial commitments each year. But there are others.

As you think about the upcoming year, maybe you'd like to add a new discipleship practice to your routine. The seven marks of discipleship that the ELCA lifts up are: pray frequently, worship regularly, study scripture diligently, serve for the sake of others, give freely, invite others often, and encourage, mentor, teach, and pass on the faith.

Being a disciple - having faith practices, loving others, giving of our time, talents, and treasures - isn't about getting us into heaven. It's about living a full, abundant life of love now. It is about being part of the Kingdom of God that Jesus came to throw open the gates to.

**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](mailto: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.



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## YOUTH NEWS

**October 2nd & 16th we have G.R.A.C.E. Place** for 2 year olds – 6th graders, from 9:30-10:15am! October 30th there will be an all ages service project led by high school youth from 9:30-10:15am in the Welcome Center!



**October 2nd High School youth are invited** from 9:30-10:15am to join David Fritz for a monthly space to talk about their day, life and what's going on in the world & how God is in the midst of it all. This is a space for questions & conversation. Meet in LO8 (high school classroom).



**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Grace Lutheran Youth Group  
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**Lorraine's Hearing Fund** (created to provide financial assistance to members of Grace who have a hearing impairment), will take applications for those in need of equipment/devices, education, or technology. Awards up to \$2,500 each will be considered for applicants. To apply, email Roxanne Troiano ([rmtroiano@verizon.net](mailto:rmtroiano@verizon.net)) & she will either email or mail you an application (whichever is best for the applicant).

**All applications are due by October 31, 2022.** Applicants will be notified in November of eligibility and the amount of the award. Please direct questions to Roxanne Troiano.

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**Calling all Pets!!!** (Four legs, two legs, no legs... wings, fur, scales... have I forgotten anyone?) **Join us on Sunday, October 9th for a Blessing of the Animals!** We will meet on the side lawn of the church office (or in the Welcome Center if it rains) at 11:45 for individual blessings of your beloved pets by Pastor Kraus. In the past we've welcomed rats, roosters, cockatoos, along with lots of dogs and cats. All are welcome!

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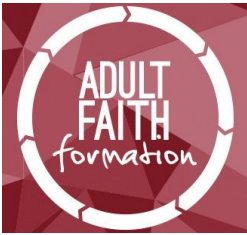


**Fellowship Zoom Gathering**—Please join me on **Thur., October 20 at 7pm** for our “3rd Thurs Fellowship Zoom”. We have a topic or theme to organize discussion/sharing each month. I pray that you find some fellowship each week and remember that at Grace, we are here for each other, you just need to reach out. Contact myself or the church office to receive an email with Fellowship Zoom link.  
Peace, Brenda Johnson

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## Check Out These Other Great Ways to Stay Connected

### *Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation & Fellowship*



- Richard Harshaw's "What's on your heart & mind", discussion group meets at 9:15, in the choir room.
- Judy Stryker's book discussion group meets in the parlor. They will be reading the book, *"What if Jesus was Serious About the Church?"*, by Skye Jethani.
- 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! On Sunday mornings we get only a taste of scripture. One of the things this group has discovered is just how varied the books of the Bible are. One group meets via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Monday evenings.



Our other group now meets in person on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the All-purpose room. For those who still prefer to meet via Zoom, there will be a way to do that. We will set up a laptop for you so you can join us. Both groups study the same material. Anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Contact [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com) or the church office for a link.

Please note however that both groups will be off during the weeks beginning Oct. 2nd & Oct. 9th.



**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](http://allisonwilcox.com). Sign up there to receive devotions in your email box Mondays through Fridays.

**New Members:** If you are interested in learning more about membership at Grace, contact Deacon Allison at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com). A membership information class will be happening again soon.



**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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