



June 2023  
*Graceful Greetings*



## JUNE 2023 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 4, Holy Trinity Sunday  
Sun., June 11, 2nd Sunday After Pentecost  
Sun., June 18, 3rd Sunday After Pentecost/Father’s Day  
Sun., June 25, 4th Sunday After Pentecost/One Service 9:30AM Outdoors

### Staff & Office Hours

#### **By now most of you have met our Interim Pastor - Rev. Wayne Shelor.**

As we all get to know him and he gets to know us, please note he is usually available Mon.-Thurs., 8:30am-2:00pm (Friday is his day off). If you wish to be sure to find him, please make an appointment by email at [wshelor.gracelutr@gmail.com](mailto:wshelor.gracelutr@gmail.com) or call 571-550-3229.



**Deacon Allison** works from home on Mondays and has the following office hours: Tues.-Thurs., 9am-1:30 or any of those days, by appointment; Friday is her day off. If you wish to be sure to find her, please make an appointment by email at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com) or call 610-948-3684.

**Kelsey Tomlinson** is off on Mondays, but works from home Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 8am-4pm; she is in the office on Wednesdays from 10am-3pm or you can see her by appointment any weekday except Monday. If you wish to be sure to find her, please make an appointment by email at [ktomlinson.gracelutr@outlook.com](mailto:ktomlinson.gracelutr@outlook.com) or call 610-948-3684.

**The Church Office** is open every weekday, Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-2:00pm. Most days someone is there a little earlier and sometimes a little later. But if you need something before or after those times, please call the church office at 610-948-3684 to make arrangements or leave a message.



#### **Help Wanted —**

Hello Friends at Grace. We’re looking for 5-6 volunteers to join our Altar Teams. The goal is to add another volunteer to each of the 6 teams. This will add much needed flexibility which will help to cover vacations, absences and holidays. The tasks are easy, the commitment minimal, but the final results are pretty rewarding. If you are interested, please contact Joy Fraunfelter at [jkf10@psu.edu](mailto:jkf10@psu.edu) or 610-247-4405

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Hello, I am Pastor Wayne Shelor (SHEE lor). I am most comfortable as Pastor Wayne. I have begun my time among you as Interim Pastor. I am honored for the opportunity to walk with you for a while.



Since I am new to you and the ministry of Grace, there is much that I have yet to learn. So, I am going to ask a lot of questions. I hope you will accept my questions as my sincere desire to know and understand, and not as judgement on what is being done.

It is clear to me already, that God is active in your midst. As we journey together it promises to be a grand adventure. I pray we will be able to discern what God most needs for us to be doing in this place at this time.

As you have need, please reach me at 571-550-3229 (mobile) or [wshelor.gracelutr@gmail.com](mailto:wshelor.gracelutr@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing your stories, remembrances, questions, and suggestions.

Together in Christ,  
**Pastor Wayne**



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

Elsewhere in this newsletter is listed the office hours of the staff. I wanted to take this space to point that out to you and confirm my hours. I work part-time, and my hours are often flexible depending on what meetings I have and classes I am leading.

In general, however, I work from home on Mondays, and am in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. You can usually find me there between 9 am and 1:30 pm (often earlier and/or later as well). I encourage you to contact me at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com) to schedule a meeting then or at any other times. My day off is on Friday.

I also wanted to say here that I am excited and encouraged by the welcome you've given Pastor Wayne. I think good things are ahead for Grace, and I am enthusiastic about what we will all do together going forward.

As summer begins, I hope you have plans that will bring you refreshment and renewal. I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please don't hesitate to let me know what's happening in your life and come to me with any questions or concerns you have.

Have a great summer!  
**Deacon Allison Wilcox**

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**Fellowship Zoom Gatherings**— May 18 was our last Fellowship zoom for awhile. I'll be traveling in June and I'll be promoting the Wed. night Valley Forge Carillon Concerts this summer. Stay tuned for more info on that.

Peace, Brenda Johnson



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## A Stewardship View for 2023

As we enter into the halfway point of the year, we begin to acknowledge and plan for upcoming vacations, events and year end obligations. In so doing, we the church also plan for upcoming events and obligations. This year's Stewardship view will be on using our gifts and our communication with others.



1 Peter 4: 10-11

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God provides through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”*

Some examples of “Gifts” are:

Communication – speaking with others with Love and Compassion. Knowing what to say to someone who is hurting.

Sharing – giving of things we might have multiple of or would like to give to someone in kindness.

Caring – sending a note, email, or just a phone call to someone to let them know you are thinking of them.

Crafts – Sharing something you have made to brighten someone’s day.

Music – Sending a link to someone of a song you think they might like.

These are only a few ways of how we can share our God given Gifts with others.

Stewardship, Tammy Epprecht



**Summer Worship 2023** - Grace will be having an outdoor worship service at the end of each month this summer , as we celebrate the season. We'll worship outdoors on **Sunday June 25, July 30 and Sunday, August 27, at 9:30am, on the lawn of Grace Office, unless otherwise indicated.** This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to gather together as community. In case of inclement weather, worship will be in the Sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

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**The Lorraine’s Hearing Fund Committee** is pleased to report that \$385 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.



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## YOUTH NEWS



**G.R.A.C.E. Place**—Mark your calendars for June 4th, the last day of Grace place! This will be our end of the year party in the social hall at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome!

**Superhero Summer - Summer G.R.A.C.E Place for all ages!**

Starting July 2nd, summer G.R.A.C.E. Place will happen from 9:30-10:15am in the all-purpose room! We will explore how God and Jesus are our superhero's and how we can be one, too! Mark your calendars for July 2nd, July 16th August 6th, and August 20th!

**ELCA Youth Gathering New Orleans 2024!** There will be a youth gathering in 2024 for high school AND young adults who want to attend! Join us for information meetings Sundays 6/11, 7/23 and 8/27 at 9:30 a.m. in the welcome center, and 9/10 at 11:30 a.m. in the welcome center!

**Stellar VBS 2023: July 23rd - 27th** - 3 year olds - 6th graders are invited to join us in a Stellar VBS, exploring God's Out of this World Love!

We're also looking for volunteers for our PreK & elementary ages from crew leaders to Bible adventures! Please see Kelsey or Julie Boyer (Buckwalter) if you are interested in volunteering! REGISTER HERE: [vbspro.events/p/a51128](https://vbspro.events/p/a51128)

**Youth-led Worship July 30th!** All youth mark your calendars for July 30th! Calling ALL YOUTH to help plan Youth-led worship on Sunday's: June 18th, July 9th, and July 23rd from 9:30am -10:15 am with Kelsey, Julie Boyer, and/or Beth Matzke!

**Young Adult Bible Study** - Join other young adults in a weekly Bible study. We are studying scripture and how the church responds (or does not respond) to God's word through Lenny Duncan's book, Dear Church. Our last meeting will be June 7th. We will take a break this summer and resume in the fall! Room code is hjw-kymn-tti

**Mission Trip Fundraisers:**

Giving Wall - This summer, you will find a Giving Wall in the Narthex. This wall has numbered 1-100 envelopes. We invite you to take an envelope and put in the amount of money that corresponds with the number on the envelope (cash or check memo Youth Trip ASP) and put it in the offering to help youth fundraise for their mission trip this summer to Kentucky to serve those who have been affected by flooding.

Rent-a-Youth - Do you have any spring cleaning that needs to be done including yard cleanup or washing windows? And do you need help doing all of this or would like to pay somebody else to do this because these tasks don't seem appealing? Well, look no further! Our two youth attending this Summer's mission trip are available for rent for any tasks you need help with! Please reach out to Kelsey to rent a youth for your projects! All proceeds will go to fund this Summer's mission trip to Appalachia service project!

**Mother and Father's Day** - This year the Christian education team is donating \$300, \$150 in honor of Mother's Day and \$150 in honor of Father's Day, to the apartment here at Grace above the office, to help with any needs to prepare it for our new tenants.



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

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## Check Out These Other Great Ways to Stay Connected



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

-Richard Harshaw's group meets at 9:15 in the choir room for fellowship and lively discussion on different topics each week. Check next newsletter and upcoming announcements for summer break information.

Judy Stryker's book discussion group meets in the parlor, also at 9:15 am. They are reading together the book, *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott. They will be finishing this during this month and then will break for the rest of the summer.

Deacon Allison is planning to offer an adult study during the month of August. Stay tuned for details in the next newsletter and in upcoming announcements.

**Our study of the Gospel of Matthew is on a summer break.**  
We will begin again the week of September 11th.



**Facebook Live Opportunity** —Join Deacon Allison on **Sundays** on our Facebook page. **Times will fluctuate** based on what is happening with our in-person Sunday morning schedule.

**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're interested in learning more about membership at Grace, contact Deacon Allison at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com). A membership information class will happen again soon.



**Noon Coffee Hour**—Miss seeing your Grace friends? You don't have to! Join this zoom meeting at 12:30, Sunday mornings, just to chat & 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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**Our Prayer List Coordinator is Becky Leonard.** Becky helps keep our church family connected & growing, through her willingness to take your prayer requests. Please contact Becky or send any prayer requests to her at [bellpn@aol.com](mailto:bellpn@aol.com) or you can call the church office at 610-948-3684 and leave a message. Thanks for sharing your joys & concerns and praying for others.

## JUNE Prayer Focus

1. Say something nice / National Say Something Nice Day
2. Spring treats / National Rocky Road Ice Cream Day
3. Chickens / National Egg Day
4. Safe driving / Drive Safe Month
5. Sweet things / National Doughnut Day
6. WWII / D-Day Anniversary 1944
7. Headache sufferers / Headache Awareness Week
8. Enjoyment of healthy food / Fruit and Vegetable Month
9. Farm animals / Donald Duck Day
10. Enjoyment of each other / Hug Week
11. Corn / National Corn on the Cob Day
12. Fresh air / 'Open Window Day'
13. Caring for our bodies / Men's Health Week
14. Our flag and what it means / Flag Day
15. Enjoying life / Smile Power Day
16. Vegetables / Eat your Vegetables Day
17. Fishing / Go Fishing Day
18. Our fathers at Grace / Fathers' Day
19. God's creation of beautiful flowers / Rose Month
20. Eagles / National Bald Eagle Day
21. Relaxing in the sunshine / Today is Summer
22. Loyalty to nation and God / Pledge of Allegiance recognized in 1942
23. Scleroderma sufferers / Scleroderma Awareness Month
24. Summer campers / National Camping Week
25. Korean war veterans / War began in 1950
26. Bicyclists / bicycle patented in 1819
27. Sufferers of HIV / National HIV testing day
28. Peace / WWI Versailles Treaty signed in 1919
29. Amateur photographers / Camera Day
30. The disabled / Helen Keller Deaf/Blind Awareness Week



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**DEADLINE FOR THE JULY 2023**  
**ISSUE OF GRACEFUL GREETINGS**  
**IS Thursday, June 15th**