

September 2023
Graceful Greetings



Mark your Calendars for September 10th!

One Service at 9:30am!

Ministry Madness at 10:30am (after worship) - Learn about the ministries at Grace and how you can get involved all in the Welcome Center!

Church Picnic in our parking lot at 11am!



Fall Worship Schedule - We will return to two services on Sept. 17th.

8:15am Traditional Worship

9:15am Adult Faith Formation and 9:30AM G.R.A.C.E. Place programming will be the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month for preschool through 6th grade!

10:30am Informal Worship

SEPTEMBER 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., September 3, 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Sun., September 10, 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Sun., September 17, 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Sun., September 24, 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Royersford Community Day is approaching...Sept. 9, from 10:00am - 3:00pm!

Grace will be participating by holding a packing for the community to participate in.

The community will help pack 320 bags for both Parkhouse & the Veterans Center.

Each bag will contain items such as word search books, crossword puzzle books,

notebooks, pens, pencils, hats, etc. Thank you to the members of Grace for supporting

these two worthy facilities. If you would like to volunteer to help with Grace's event this day, please contact either Angela Feist or Diane Harshaw or call the church office at 610-948-3684. If you are not able to volunteer, but plan on attending Community Day, stop in, say hello, and pack a bag!



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) & she will either email or mail you an application (whichever is best for the applicant).

All applications are due by October 31, 2023. Applicants will be notified in November of eligibility and the amount of the award. Please direct questions to Roxanne Troiano.

Grace has a Transition Team. The Congregation Council has appointed Karen Brown, Greg Eynon, John Fraunfelter, Kate Petel & Heather Tyrrell to serve on this team.



The objectives of the Transition Team are to:

1. describe what the members believe God is calling Grace to at this time.
2. determine, describe, teach, and guide the leadership on the possible pathways from our present to our desired destination.
3. help the leadership manage the inevitable anxiety within the membership that will arise all along the way as we make this journey from where we really are to where we believe God's desires us to be.
4. articulate as clearly and specifically as possible to the leadership the current "reality" that is Grace Lutheran Church. This will eventually result in the Mission Site Profile (MSP), the document utilized by the ELCA as the congregation's "resume" for prospective pastoral candidates.

As you can see Karen, Greg, John, Kate, and Heather have a significant task before them. You can help them do their job by keeping them in your regular prayers, that they may be wise, patient, and caring throughout this process. AND by being honest with them when they ask for your opinion. We know Grace Lutheran Church is a remarkable community. We also know it is not perfect. This is a time for us to be truthful about our strengths AND our weaknesses. Only in this way will we be able to honestly and accurately share who we are with pastoral candidates.

At times this may get uncomfortable, but only for a while. God is clearly in the midst of this. You can do this. I don't believe God is asking you to wander in the desert for forty years. So stick with it. Then you can walk confidently into whatever God has in mind for you. I can hardly wait to see what that might be.

Peace in Christ <>< Pastor Wayne



From the Deacon's Desk:

As the new program year begins, I've got a couple of things to add to your calendar. Starting in October, there will be a change in our Sunday morning Adult Sunday School schedule.

Also, on October 21st, there will be a Women's Retreat held at the Farmhouse at Temenos Retreat Center in West Chester. Space is limited, so please contact Deacon Allison for more information or to RSVP as soon as possible at

deaconallison12@gmail.com.

You can find more information about both of these things here, in the newsletter.

If you want to learn more about the Temenos facility, you can do so here:

<https://www.temenoscommunity.org/retreat-facilities/>

Peace on the journey, Deacon Allison

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

Website: www.gracelutheranroyersford.com

Email: gracelutr@verizon.net

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

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)

YOUTH NEWS



Mark your Calendars for September 10th!

One Service at 9:30am!

Youth Happenings on Sept. 10th:

Confirmation Orientation at 8:30am in the sanctuary.

3-year-old, 3rd grade, and 7th grade Bible giveaway during worship!

Ministry Madness at 10:30am (after worship) - Learn about all the ministries at Grace and how you can get involved all in the Welcome Center!

Church Picnic in our parking lot at 11am!

Sunday, September 10th, 7-8:30pm in the social hall: 8th - 12th graders are invited to Youth Group! To start our first youth group, we will have pizza & an informational meeting about the Youth Gathering! If you are planning on going to the Youth Gathering, Registrations are strongly encouraged at this meeting to reserve your spot on the trip.

G.R.A.C.E. Place starts classes on Sunday, September 17th at 9:30am! G.R.A.C.E. Place programming will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month for preschool through 6th grade! Confirmation will have class every Sunday. Details are still being worked out for our high school youth for Sunday mornings - check the weekly announcements for the updates for high school.

We're looking for more volunteers to help teach the classes through engaging, hands-on activities such as art & science. If you are interested and able to lead a class once a month, please see Kelsey!



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Grace Lutheran Youth Group
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Women's Retreat

Women from Grace are invited to a day-long retreat on **Sat., October 21st** to be held at the Farmhouse at Temenos Retreat Center in West Chester. The retreat will last from 9:00am to 4:30pm. We'll discuss what it means to be a woman today when so much seems to be changing around us. This will be a time to enjoy the company of other women in our congregation and share our joys, sorrows, and have some fun and learning along the way. Temenos has a beautiful facility, and we will have opportunity to enjoy the nature surrounding it. Lunch will be provided.



The cost for the retreat is \$25 per person. Scholarships will be available. Please let Deacon Allison know if the cost is prohibitive.

Also, Temenos is a short drive from restaurants in West Chester and Downingtown. If you are interested in extending our time by having dinner together afterwards, let Deacon Allison know when you register.

Space is limited so please contact Deacon Allison for more information or to **RSVP by Monday, October 9th at the latest (though please note that sign ups may end before that once we reach the maximum number of people)**. Contact her either in the church office or at deaconallison12@gmail.com.

Check Out These Ways to Support Your Faith Journey

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities—Sunday Mornings at 9:15am



Weekly - Richard Harshaw's group continues to meet in the Choir Room (L04) **On the First Sunday of each month, beginning in October**, Deacon Allison will be leading an adult formation discussion in the Parlor (L05). The topic on October 1st is Martin Luther and our Lutheran heritage. **On the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & occasionally 5th, Sundays of the month**, a book discussion group will meet in the Parlor, led by Judy Stryker. On September 17, the group will begin reading "*Holy Envy*", by Barbara Brown Taylor. The author is an Episcopal priest who is teaching a college class about other people and their religious traditions. Through those religions, we learn to accept others and reevaluate our own thoughts about God.

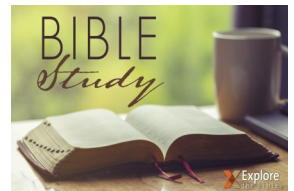
Noon Virtual Coffee Hour—Would you like to spend some time with your Grace friends? Join this zoom meeting at 12:30, each Sunday afternoon, just to chat & check in with one another. You'll be glad you did! Please call Angela Feist or the church office at 610-948-3684 for the link or more info.




Morning Grace Daily Devotions may be found at allisonwilcox.com. Sign up there to have these devotions delivered directly to your email box Mondays through Fridays.

Bible Study—The Gospel of Matthew - all are welcome to join in this journey, as we continue with Matthew Chapter 15.

Via Zoom on Monday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning September 11
In person on Thursday mornings at 10:00am, beginning September 14
in the church parlor (room L05).



 **Facebook Live Opportunity** —Each week Deacon Allison or Pastor Wayne will post a Facebook Live segment to our Facebook page, for your reflection and consideration.

Interested in joining Grace? Please contact Deacon Allison at deaconallison12@gmail.com, to learn more about membership at Grace. Our next information class will begin soon.



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 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.

