

May 2024
Graceful Greetings



May 2024 WORSHIP SERVICES

Our Worship Services are at 8:15am (Traditional) & 10:30am (Non-Traditional)



Sunday, May 5—6th Sunday of Easter/Church Music Sunday
(One Service at 9:30am)

Sunday, May 12—7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 19—Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation

Sunday, May 26—Trinity Sunday/Begin Summer Schedule
(One service at 9:30am through Labor Day)

If you are unable to worship with us in person, our worship services can also be found on our website under the “Worship” tab & on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Church Music Sunday & Summer Worship Schedule Info.—

Church Music Sunday will happen on Sunday, May 5th. We will have one service at 9:30am, so that we can worship & praise him together with one voice!
Our summer worship schedule will begin on Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 26th. We will have one combined worship service at 9:30am. This schedule will carry through the summer until the Sunday after Labor Day weekend, September 8th. Please make plans to join us as often as possible, as we worship together as one family.



Upcoming Community Outreach Events -



**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**

Meals for St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter for Homeless Families: Every year members of Grace pick two weeks and cook for the families at St. Mary's. If you are interested in cooking a whole meal or part of a meal please reach out to Danielle Lau. Dlau751@gmail.com 215-908-7446

Week of July 8th thru July 12th (Monday thru Friday)

Week of October 7th thru October 11th (Monday thru Friday)

Sisters and Brothers of Grace,

There is nothing quite like the feeling of BELONGING.



When a person, or a group, includes us with our warts, scars, and shortcomings we are changed. We may feel love, acceptance, peace, worthy, or a host of other emotions. All of which feel good and give us hope!

Jesus spent much of his earthly ministry going to great lengths to include others, to give them hope, particularly the most vulnerable and the outcast. Remember the Samaritan woman at the well, the lame man lying by water's edge, the man among the swine possessed by a demon, the woman who anointed his head for burial, the woman caught in adultery, Peter after the cock had crowed, the woman who touched the hem of his garment, Thomas, the Prodigal Son and his brother, and the thief also hanging on a cross just to name a few.

AND Jesus included each one of us when we were baptized into God's promise to ALWAYS be available to us and to bring us into his Holy Presence.

Belonging matters!

As part of our monthly Council meeting, we reflect on including others. We discuss how Grace might better make space for "others" to belong here. There are no quick and easy, magical ways for this to occur, but important things are seldom quick or easy. We have some ideas. What do you think? Please share your thoughts and ideas with me or with any member of Council. Let's see how God can use us that our human siblings might belong.

Peace in Christ <>< *Pastor Wayne*

YOUTH NEWS



G.R.A.C.E. Place at 9:30am! G.R.A.C.E. Place programming is for preschool through 6th graders and will be the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, 9:30 - 10:15am. May programming will only be on May 19th due to ONE service on May 5th!

High Schoolers: 2nd & 4th Sunday's, you're invited to meet in the high school room for fellowship and food! The 1st & 3rd Sunday's, they are invited to assist in a G.R.A.C.E. Place classroom. AND, on May 5th from 6-7:30pm they are invited to High School Youth Group in the social hall!



Strunk Fund Applications are now open! Seniors in high school & college students (who have been confirmed) are invited to apply for this scholarship.

Deadline is May 31st. See the office or Kelsey for more details on how to apply.

Grace Lutheran Church will be donating \$200 in honor of Mothers Day and Fathers day, to local non-profits in honor of caregivers, guardians, and parents thanks to the Christian Education team.



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



From the Deacon's Desk: Being a Deacon Part Two – Being a Deacon at Grace

Last month I wrote about what a deacon is in the ELCA. So what does it mean that I am a deacon specifically at Grace? As I said last month, ELCA deacons serve in many different capacities: social service organizations; as chaplains; or in various administrative functions at ELCA agencies. Then there are deacons who serve in congregations, some as music ministers, and some like me.

I was called here to Grace with three areas of responsibility: Adult Education/Formation; Evangelism/Faith Engagement; and assisting with Worship. While this doesn't preclude me from helping in other areas – working with social ministry, or with Kelsey in children's ministry, or assisting with pastoral care – those are not the areas to which I am specifically called.

As we get ready for a new pastor to join us, we want him or her to have a chance to shine! So for many of the things folks have been coming to me about since Pastor Kraus left (pastoral care issues, administration issues, or questions about worship), it will be important to go to them rather than to me. This will be an essential way for you to get to know this person and for them to become quickly integrated into the congregation.

As a reminder as well, I am a partial-time, 25-hour a week Deacon. I generally work from home on Mondays and am in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (that sometimes changes, so if you want to meet with me, best to email me to schedule a time). I am off on Fridays.

No matter what my areas of responsibility, I am so happy to be serving here at Grace and my door is open! Please don't hesitate to check in with me with any questions or concerns you have.

Peace on the journey, *Deacon Allison*

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

All applications are due by May 31, 2024. Applicants will be notified in June of eligibility and the amount of the award. Please direct questions to Roxanne Troiano.



Save the Date for a Lorraine's Hearing Fund Fundraiser--this fund provides financial assistance to individuals diagnosed with a hearing impairment.

WHEN: Thursday, May 23rd

HOURS: 10 am - 9 pm

WHERE: Giovanni's Pizza & Restaurant, 466 Main Street, Royersford, PA

Why cook when you can have lunch, a date night, or a meal out with family and friends. Have someone else cook & clean up while helping to raise money for a great cause. A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to LHF.



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Check Out These Ways to Support Your Faith Journey

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

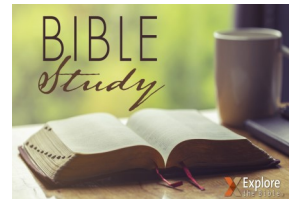


Richard Harshaw's group continues to meet in the Choir Room (L04) at 9:15 am.

Judy Stryker's group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the parlor (L05). They are finishing up *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor and will begin a new study following it. Stay tuned for information on what that will be!

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 groups meet on Monday evening at 7:00 pm via Zoom & Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the parlor (room L05). We are continuing our look at the Letter to the Ephesians through the end of April, and then will move to a study of Colossians. Let Deacon Allison know if you'd like a link to the Monday Zoom.



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.

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

Website: www.gracelutheranroyersford.com

Email: gracelutrn@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)



Assisted Listening System Available for Services: Have trouble hearing during services? Please reach out to an Usher when you arrive if you'd like to use an assisted listening device. We have 2 models: a loop around the neck that works directly with most hearing aids; and an over-the-ear speaker. Each has personal volume control.

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.



MAY Prayer Focus



1. Thanking God for this beautiful spring / May Day
2. Healthy Bodies/National Fitness Day
3. Happiness/World Laughter Day
4. Firefighters/International Firefighters Day
5. Our Mexican neighbors / Cinco de Mayo
6. Nurses / National RN Recognition Day
7. Laughter/World Laughter Day
8. WW II Veterans / VE day
9. Sleeplessness/National Sleepover Day
10. Lupus/World Lupus Day
11. Hunger/Eat What You Want Day
12. Poetry / Limerick Day
13. Our shut-ins in nursing homes / National Nursing Home Week
14. Mothers / Mother's Day
15. Families/International Day of Families
16. Neighbors/National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day
17. Our country / I Am An American Day
18. Relatives/Visit Your Relative Day (Facetime)
19. Older Americans / Older American's Month
20. Bees/World Bee Day
21. Emergency medical technicians / Emergency Medical Services Week
22. Restful sleep / Better Sleep Month
23. Boaters / Safe Boating Week
24. Delicacies / National Escargot Day
25. Children/National Missing Children's Day
26. Greens / National Salad Month
27. Our hospital employees / Hospital Week
28. Favorite Sandwiches / National Hamburger Day
29. Remembering those who gave their lives for our country this Memorial Day
30. Caring for Creation / Water A Flower Day
31. Quietness / Save Your Hearing Day

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• **ISSUE OF GRACEFUL GREETINGS** •
• **IS Wednesday, May 15th** •
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