

November 2024

Graceful Greetings



NOVEMBER 2024 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., November 3, All Saints' Sunday/2 Services-8:15 & 10:30am

Sun., November 10, 25th Sunday After Pentecost/2 Services-8:15&10:30

Sun., November 17, 26th Sunday After Pentecost/2 Services-8:15&10:30

Sun., November 24th, Christ the King Sunday—2 Services at 8:15 & 10:30am



On Sunday, November 3rd at the 8:15 & 10:30am services, we will remember not only the departed members of our congregation, but other loved ones as well. Please join us for worship, prayer & the naming of all saints, including those especially beloved to us. If you will be worshipping with us virtually, you may wish to light a candle to remember & honor your own loved ones.

Join us for worship this Advent

Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st. We hope you will join us for this holy, hope-filled season, which is also the advent of new beginnings here at Grace as we welcome Pastor Leah Woehr-Grande as our pastor.

Sunday, December 1st - 1st Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 8th - 2nd Sunday in Advent (Pastor Tina's last day)

Sunday, December 15th - 3rd Sunday in Advent (Pastor Leah's first Sunday)

Sunday, December 22nd - Christmas Pageant (one service at 9:30)



Christmas Eve Worship—7:00 pm - Contemporary Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 pm - Traditional Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

On December 29th - One service at 9:30 am for Lessons & Carols



Fellowship Fun (3rd Tues of the Month), at 1pm, in the All Purpose Room. Our next meeting is Nov. 19th. We will play cards & boardgames. Come strengthen your brain & laugh with friends.

Tues., Nov 26th, from 6-8pm, "No School Tomorrow Game Night", in the All Purpose Room. Feel free to bring a friend, a card game or board game to share and a snack, if able.

To the good people of Grace Lutheran Church in Royersford,

Grace and Peace be with you all.

Thank you for the amazing opportunity you have given me to serve as your Bridge Pastor. I started my ministry as a student Intern Vicar here at Grace in 2001/2002. And now I will finish my pastoral ministry here at Grace in 2024. It is a strange and wonderful experience. Hopefully I will see some of you again this time round. There are also many new faces, and I hope to have a chance to connect with you.



In the intervening years, I served at St. Matthew in Chester Springs for 15 years. Since then, I have served as an Interim Pastor at two congregations. I retired officially in 2023 but have served as bridge pastor at two congregations since then.

My main function as your Bridge Pastor is to help with visitations, preach and preside at communion, and generally be available as needed. It is a ministry of presence, to be a calm and encouraging presence until your new pastor arrives.

May my time here be a blessing to you, and may you and your new pastor have a long and holy ministry in Royersford.

Pastor Tina



From the Deacon's Desk: New Beginnings & Gratitude

Advent season will be upon us before you know it, and this year we also celebrate the Advent of new ministry here at Grace as we welcome Pastor Leah. Good things are in the air!

Before then we celebrate Thanksgiving, and we have a lot to be thankful for this year. I especially am grateful for all of you. With all the changes that have happened in the past year and a half, this congregation has really stepped up. I give thanks for this place and this people!

I hope you are as excited as I am for this new season! As always, please let me know of any questions or concerns.

Blessings to all!

Peace on the journey, Deacon Allison

YOUTH NEWS

G.R.A.C.E. Place (Pre-K - 6 grade) come join us on Sunday, November 3rd & Sunday, November 17th from 9:30 to 10:15 for Sunday School.



YOUTH (6th thru 12th grade) please join us on November 17th at St Luke's in Gilbertsville for a Bonfire & S'mores from 5 to 7 pm.

Calling all actors!!!! If you are interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant this year please reach out to Julie Boyer at jules1238@gmail.com. This year the Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 22nd at 9:30 am.



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



Don't be late for worship; remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, 11/2, before you go to bed.

New Keys Everywhere! We are working on re-keying the church, education building & church office, to provide better security of our buildings & assets. We expect the new keys sometime in mid-November. If you have keys from before November 2024, and were not contacted to exchange your key or keys, please note that your old key(s) will no longer work. The Council President & staff worked together to compile a list of people who need and are approved to receive a new key or keys for their area of work & ministry. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the church office.



General election day is Tuesday, November 5th. Don't forget to vote!

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)

Thank you to all for participating in a wonderful Blessed to be a Blessing Sunday!

Our speaker & Stewardship Chair, Tammy Epprecht, was inspirational and brunch was delicious!! We have so much to be grateful for here at Grace and your support of this faith community is a huge blessing! To date, we've received 48 Estimate of Giving cards totaling \$173,696 for 2025. THANK YOU! Please return your pledge card today, if you haven't done so and help Grace be confident in pursuing the ministries God is calling us into! Your estimate is a huge blessing to us in our faithful planning.



Craft Fair: Calling all Crafters!! Grace is hosting their 2nd Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024. If you are interested in sign up to be a vendor please register with the link provided below:

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Fundraiser for Lorraine's Hearing Fund (provides financial assistance to those who have been diagnosed with a hearing impairment) - **Thurs., Nov. 14th, 10am-9:00pm, at Giovanni's Pizza & Restaurant, 466 Main St., Royersford.** Have someone else cook, while raising money for a great cause. A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to Lorraine's Hearing Fund. It's a great date night or night out with family and/or friends! Join us!!!

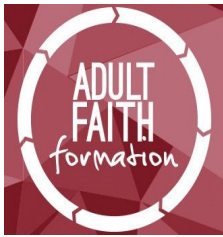


Project Outreach invites you to a Community Thanksgiving Meal, on Thursday, Nov. 28th, at Royersford United Methodist Church, 380 Church St., Royersford. Doors open at 11:30am; meal is served at noon. Reservations are recommended & walk-ins are welcome. Call 610-948-5111 for reservations.



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.

Check Out These Ways to Support Your Faith Journey



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

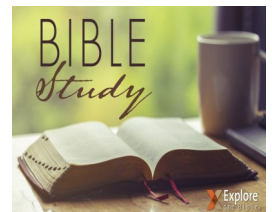
- Richard Harshaw's group meets weekly, between services, in the Choir Room (L04). We will have topical discussions focusing on faith, truth & fellowship and how these have made our lives better.

- Judy Stryker will lead a study on "Women of the Bible" - Abigail, Gomer, Rizpah: What do you know about these women of the Bible? Are their stories

relevant to our lives? Join us at 9:30 on Sunday, in the Parlor (L05), to understand who these women are and how they relate to us today.

Bible Study Groups—Groups meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm via Zoom and Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Parlor (L05). We are finishing up our study of part one of the Book of Acts.

If you'd like to attend the Monday evening Zoom, contact Deacon Allison at deaconallison12@gmail.com and she'll send you the link.



Faith First – ~~Last~~ Third Wednesday of this Month—Join us for breakfast devotions and fellowship at Main Street Café. We normally meet on the last Wednesday of the month. However, with Thanksgiving coming, our next meeting will be on Wed., November 20th (the third Wednesday) at 8:00 am. We will do the same in December since the last Wednesday will be Christmas Day. We'll meet instead on December 18th. Please join us!

Interested in joining Grace? Please contact Deacon Allison at deaconallison12@gmail.com, to learn more about membership at Grace.

Caring Crafters meet on Wednesdays in the All Purpose Room 10am-11:30am.

Our group: Does simple crafts in service to our church community.

We make & send cards to our homebound, Grace staff or Grace family members.

Color to relax or Bring any crafts you may be working on!

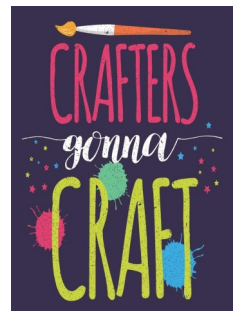
We finish each session with prayers for our family, country & members at Grace.

If you have some time, on a Wednesday morning, join us for fellowship & friendship.

All ages welcome. Come when you can. We don't take attendance!!

Join us for continued socializing with lunch at our local diner afterwards!

Any questions?? call Sue Perry 610-310-4915 or email srperry19@me.com



November Worship Assistants

Thank you all for your service!



Trustee—Bruce Leister

Altar Guild Team—B. Johnson & L. Klinger

	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
<u>Counting Teams</u>	Brown/Henson	Fraunfelter/Epprecht	Shiley/Fritz	Esslinger/Esslinger

<u>Reader(s)</u>	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
8:15	S. Matzke	D. Kamertz	B. Fretz	M. James
10:30	T. Jordan	D. Lewis	T. McGarry	J. Claypotch

<u>Children's Sermon</u>	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
10:30	Darrell	Brenda	Tina	Jack

<u>Tech Table</u>	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
8:15	Jackie	Dan	Jackie	Jackie
10:30	Jim	Austin	Dave	Rick

<u>Communion Assistants</u>	
11/3—8:15	S. Firering
10:30	K. Petel, G. & C. Peteritas and M. Rehrer
11/10—8:15	R. Harshaw
10:30	G. Eynon, C. Ferguson, K. Thomson & K. Brown
11/17—8:15	J. Kamertz
10:30	D. Fritz, D. Lewis, J. Fraunfelter & B. Johnson
11/24—8:15	K. Meyers & K. Reese
10:30	D. Feist, K. Petel, T. Meredith, K. Mills & W. Moyer

<u>Ushers</u>			
11/3—8:15	T. Weikel & J. Stryker	10:30	K. & D. Lewis
11/10—8:15	J. & C. Campbell	10:30	B. Johnson & K. Thomson
11/17—8:15	S. Firering & G. Peak	10:30	G. Straface & C. Ferguson
11/24—8:15	R. Pennypacker & M. Rehrer	10:30	B. Meredith & C. Peteritas

<u>Acolytes</u>			
11/3—8:15	Drew Mazur	10:30	Elliana Nye
11/10—8:15	Brady Burgoon	10:30	
11/17—8:15	Drew Mazur	10:30	Tyler Weaner

(Changes to this schedule may occur after printing; assistants should be alert for updates.)

