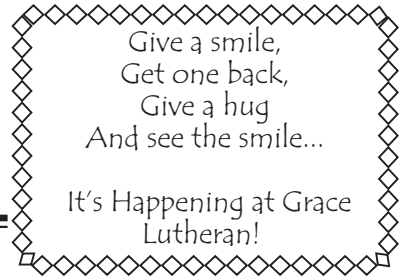




The BEACON

Shines with Grace Lutheran Church News

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From the Pastor's Desk

Trick or Trust

It is that glorious time of the year again—fall. The air is filled with the scent of cinnamon and spice, freshly fallen leaves, and newly picked apples. The weather has a chill, and ghouls and goblins are starting to creep onto front porches yet again. It is indeed time for Halloween, and all the spooks and frights that come along with it. The aisles of grocery stores are filled with all kinds of candy and goodies for us to procure, for ourselves and for the little dressed-up kiddies that will flock to our front doors come time for "Trick-or-Treat."

My family always had a distinct road map when it came to trick-or-treating. To this day, I can still remember the order and the manner in which we maneuvered our way around town. When I'm home and driving around, there are some houses I pass that still echo with the memories of Halloweens past. That's the house where one of the girls my sister was in marching band with lived - her family always gave out king-sized candy bars. There's the house just down from my grandma's old house, where the older gentleman would clink together fifty-cent pieces, waiting to give them out, each and every year. There's my old teacher's house; she always gave out pencils (honestly, I was amazed people still went to her house, because we all knew it would be a pencil, but we couldn't resist). Then there are the roads that I pass that I remember we didn't go down. I never really knew why. It's a small town, it's not like there are "bad roads," but there were some we skipped, there were houses we avoided, and now even though times have changed and people have moved, I still look at those houses and think "that's the house we avoided on Halloween."

If you really think about it, the whole concept of trick-or-treating is a bit odd. For so much of their young lives, we teach school kids the mentality that they aren't to

talk to strangers, they're to stay wary of situations that are uncertain, they're to stick to people they trust, except when it comes to Halloween, then it's practically fair game to head up to any porch with a light on and get some candy. It's just sort of odd, that for one night a year, we embark on a deep world of trust with our brothers and sisters, trusting that their candy is safe, that they will treat our kids with respect, and that ultimately it will be a fun experience. (Continued on page 2)

We're so willing for one night a year to extend that trust to people we don't know; yet sometimes, we find ourselves unable to extend trust to God. When the world starts to feel a bit off-kilter, or things aren't particularly going our way, our ability to trust in God's presence and protection, love, and support flies out the window quicker than the king-sized candy bars disappear on Halloween night. Now, don't get me wrong, unwavering trust is an immensely difficult thing, but the reality is, don't we have just as much, if not more, reason to trust in God's care, than we do random folks with candy? It's true that things are not always easy, and thus trust can falter, but when we allow ourselves the space to truly examine the ways God is active in our lives, the resounding conclusion quickly appears: God loves me. God watches over me. God is here with me.

Now that doesn't mean that things will always be easy, that things will always go our way, that we won't ever be hurt, but what it does mean is that we are not alone, we are not without comfort, we are not without hope, even in the most seemingly hopeless of situations. God is



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there. God's porch light is always on, and God is giving out things that are way better than king-sized candy bars. Every single day of our lives God drops love, care, hope, and forgiveness into our lives, and that is something to trust, that is something to appreciate, that is something to celebrate.

Dear brothers and sisters, I know that the world gets crazy. I know that there are so many things that are happening in this world that make us woeful, that make us want to give up hope, that make us want to throw up our hands and declare we're finished. Yet, the promise remains: God is there, God is here, God is present in the world, God is active, God loves you, God loves this world; we all rest in God's hands. I know it takes trust, I know it takes faith, and that can be immensely difficult, but rest assured you do not walk these paths alone, but surrounded by a community of faith, each of us joined together, trusting, hoping, and praying together. Just as it is always wise to have a trick-or-treat buddy, it is also wise to have a faith walk buddy, and you have them in spades here. So go out into the world boldly, trusting in our presence with each other, and ultimately trusting in God's presence with you. A happy fall to all of you; may it be a season of blessings.

Peace it Together,
Pastor Tina



Pastoral Acts

New Members-Four new members were installed on September 21. We welcome Floyd and June Davis, Suzanne Bender, and Joe Palya into our family of God. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our new members, and make them feel welcome here in this place of worship.

Death- Karen Heindel passed away on September 21. Services were held at Grace on September 25.

CHURCH COUNCIL

News

TOGS (Youth Group) - Fall kick-off with a pool party and lock-in on September 6 7 and was well attended. The group will begin planning for fundraiser activities and Halloween on the Street.

Finance - Committee recommended that we collect an offering on a recurring basis for Families in Need. Council voted to take an offering at both services on the third Sunday of each month, with the collection going into Pastor's discretionary fund. The 2015 proposed budget will be presented for approval at the October meeting.

Human Resources - Mary Loyer has accepted the full-time organist position.

IT - The upgrade of the hardware and software is in progress, with a few issues being worked out.

Music & Worship - The balance of the church year up until November 23, 2014 has been outlined. The confirmands will be serving as acolytes.

Property - Committee recommended that we have the parking lot repaired and sealed. Council approved the bid from Just Seal It. The work will be completed before colder temperatures begin.

Mission & Discipleship - Committee will be announcing what "GPS" Sunday is at the beginning of October.





Budget hearings are scheduled for Sunday, October 12 at 9:45 p.m. and October 26 at 11:45 a.m.

WHAT IS "GPS" AT GRACE?

"GPS" will be October 19 at 9:00 a.m. Have you heard? Can you guess? "God's Pie Sunday" will be a combined service, the first half of which will be contemporary and held in the social room. Following the sharing of the peace, we will move upstairs for the balance of the service, which will be traditional. Afterwards, a brunch that includes pies and quiches will be served in the social room. There will be sign-up sheets starting on October 5, and we will be looking for bakers. Join us on October 19 to hear about God's pie.



HAPPENINGS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thank You Card-
Greetings and many thanks to my congregation for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and concerns,

and visits from Pastor Tina and members. My surgery on both knees at once was very successful. All are pleased with the results but now in therapy, I must unlearn many things I'd been doing before surgery to cope. Each day sees improvement toward again walking normally without aches and hurting. However, it will be a long recovery. I miss worshipping with you all for a while.

God's blessings and my heartfelt thanks,
Pat Mummert

HALLOWEEN ON THE STREET



This year Halloween will be celebrated on Friday, October 31 in Red Lion Borough from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Unfortunately, this is also a home football game night, but we will still be serving up hot dogs, bags of candy, and drinks under the portico at the church. We will need volunteers to help with setup at 5:30 p.m. and then others who can help to give out the treats, doggies, and drinks when the trick-or-treating begins. If the weather permits, we will also have the blow-up haunted house for the smaller children and "daring" teenagers. Hopefully there will be no snow!

GIFT CARD BINGO, SPONSORED BY "WOMEN OF GRACE"



The event is fast approaching – set for Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall downstairs.

Come hungry! Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. for lunch. Food available will include soup, sandwiches, snacks, drinks, etc.

There will be 20 games of regular bingo with three cards/game, door prizes, extra cards, special games, and raffles available for sale. Bring your own bingo dabbers or buy one at the door.

Tickets are \$15 each and can be obtained a variety of ways. Call the church: (717) 244-5987, visit our Web site: www.gracelutheran.com, or send an email: office@gracelutheran.com. Mail to Grace Lutheran Church, Attn: Bingo, 220 N. Charles St., Red Lion, PA 17356. Tickets are also available on Sunday mornings from Dee Kerr in the Treasurer's Office.

Volunteers are needed on both Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the elevator or at the table in the Spirit Cellar. If you wish to help prepare throughout the week of October 13, please contact Dee Kerr or the Parish Office. Ticket sellers are also immediately needed.



This year's fall clean-up will be held on Saturday, October 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be working outside and inside to prepare our property for the winter. Outside, plants and trees will be trimmed and removed. Our pencil trees will be tied up to protect them from snow falling from the roof. Speaking of snow, hopefully we will get this project completed before the first snow – but we do remember the Halloween snowstorm! Inside, we will be working in the kitchen and social room to make sure that all is shiny and clean for our Oktoberfest on October 5. If you can help in any way, please mark your calendar now for October 4. Many hands make a task easy! Hope to see you there.



Food Pantry Ministry

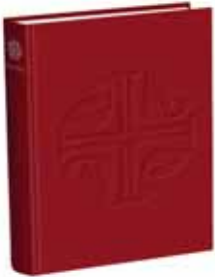
The September food distribution has come and gone, but the memories linger on! We think fondly of the 65 people who helped by packing the toiletries, by setting up the sanctuary, by serving snacks to our waiting clients, by helping to complete necessary federal paperwork, by putting five boxes of food in the cars, and by helping to clean up the sanctuary at the end of the day. We remember the happy faces of clients who found just the right outfit for a job interview, or who found the perfect toy for their child, or who discovered their favorite book hidden among the many.

We can tabulate the monetary value of the distribution, but the servitude value is immeasurable. The 262 families who received our bounty were eager to thank everyone for their kindness and their generosity. This outreach ministry brings so many blessings to our clients, our congregation, and our community that we know that God is always smiling down on Grace.

Please mark your calendar now so that you can come to help pack boxes on October 25 and November 1; perhaps to help with setup on Sunday, November 16, or maybe help with distribution on November 17. If you think the world is going downhill, make an effort to attend one of these events and you will quickly discover that there are still many good and holy people and some of them even live in Red Lion!

GRACEFUL WOMEN MEETING

Graceful Women will meet on Thursday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. They will be making a group decision on their holiday activity. They will also be working on a project: putting tabs in the hymnals to make them more user-friendly. Hope to see you there!



New Ushers Wanted

We are looking for new people to usher at the traditional service in 2015. Any confirmed member (male or female) is eligible. Anyone who is interested should contact Dave Dennish at 246-1334.

THEOLOGY ON TAP IS COMING!!!



Mark your calendars! Thursday, October 23 will be the first meeting of Theology on Tap! More details will be forthcoming once we have a definitive space to meet.

Theology on Tap is open to any and all adults 21 and over. We will gather together at a local watering hole (TBD) to discuss issues of faith and life. Our topics will be determined by the group gathered together. Our first meeting will be informal to figure out how we want to proceed and what topics we want to discuss, so come with your ideas and we'll embark on this new journey together! Look for more information at Oktoberfest!

GIFT CARDS HELP THE CHURCH



As is true everywhere, budgets are tight. We are experiencing this in the church as well. There are many people trying to think "outside the box" to

fund the church programs. One thing that doesn't cost anything extra is for our parishioners to buy gift cards to their favorite local grocery stores and use them in daily shopping or to give as gifts. The church gets a percentage and the member uses them for grocery shopping with no extra costs. The gift cards come in standard \$50 donations or you can special order any amount. They are available in the treasurer's office any Sunday or you can call Dee at home (244-0083) to custom order your needs. If you are paying by check, please make it payable to 'Grace Lutheran Church.'

MUSIC MINISTRY HAS BEGUN - JOIN US!



Handbell Choir Rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Senior Choir Rehearsal meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all singers!

OCTOBER 2014 EVENTS AT KIRCHENWALD, NAWAKWA, AND THE WITTEL FARM



Register online for any of the following events at LutheranCamping.org. Call (717) 677-8211 for more information. Event details were provided by Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania.

Bible Study at The Wittel Farm

October 8
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bible studies at The Wittel Farm are based on Richard Foster's seminal work on Christian spirituality, "Celebration of Discipline," and are led by the Rev. Robert Hoover. This study will focus on the biblical foundation for the Spiritual Discipline of Solitude. Refreshments are available at 9:30 a.m. The registration fee of \$15 includes lunch.

Fall Foliage Days

October 19, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Kirchenwald and Nawakwa

Bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon! Enjoy some of your favorite camp activities. An evening meal will be provided. Please register by October 10. Registration fee: \$5/person.

KirchenGolf (new!)

October 24 – 26

Hit the links in an overnight retreat at three local courses. Golfers of all levels are welcome in this time of fun, fellowship, and spiritual retreat. Sign up as a foursome, or meet your team when you arrive. Registration fee: \$190, includes up to two nights, three meals, and all rounds of golf. Please register by October 3.

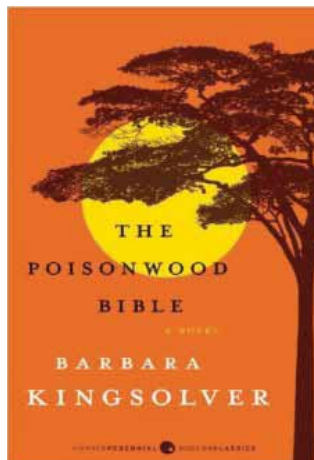
WHAT'S IN THE DISPLAY CASE?



October is a trip through time in the music ministry. We will have photos and memories of our choirs, past and present. There will also be lots of photos of Children's Choirs through the ages.

Could you guess who our school students from the past were? The September display was so much fun that Pat and Janet are going to do the 'youngsters' in September, 2015!

BOOK CLUB READING 'THE POISONWOOD BIBLE' IN OCTOBER



Book Club is meeting this month on October 16 at 6:30 p.m. We will be talking about *The Red Tent*, by Anita Diamant. It is still not too late to get a copy and join us. We will be starting *The Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver in October. Everyone will have access to a copy for free courtesy of the York County Library System. Ideas for future Book Club books are welcome. The club's goal is to combine fiction with

Christian themes or history. Book Club is organized by Pastor Tina and Jennifer Rudolf.

Told from the viewpoints of an intense evangelical Baptist's wife and four daughters, *The Poisonwood Bible* tells the compelling tale of their move from 1950's Georgia to the Belgian Congo. Each member of this missionary family is indelibly changed as they try to adapt to African culture. The family is torn down and rebuilt over the story's 30-year period. The daughters, ranging from 5 years old through the teen years when the novel begins, each have their own unique strengths and perspectives. The plotline is intertwined with the political landscape of the 1950's, including the Congo's fight for independence and the murder of its first elected prime minister.

(Synopsis taken from: ww.Amazon.com)

THE BUILDING FUND NEEDS YOU

Yellow building fund envelopes can be picked up in the Treasurer's office. Why should you consider an additional donation to the building fund? Our endowment that maintains the physical building and its contents is shrinking. It is a priority that we need to grow before our funds run out. It goes to maintain the expensive things like the steeple, roof, and instruments, and the money often goes out in big chunks. If you are blessed with some leeway in your budget, consider a donation to the building fund. You can rest assured that the money you donate will have very visible results you can see and be proud of. Previous generations of our membership have given us this endowment. Our generation needs to continue the legacy.





T.O.G.S. NEWS

TOGS will next meet on Sunday, October 5, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. We will be setting up events for the fall, including Halloween on the Street entertainment and fall fundraisers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OKTOBERFEST COMES TO GRACE!



Put a big circle around Sunday, October 5 on your calendars, because that's when Grace will be celebrating Oktoberfest! We will be hosting an afternoon of music, food, and fellowship, immediately following 10:45 a.m. worship that Sunday. German music (and dancing if you feel inclined) will be provided as entertainment throughout the afternoon, in addition to serving as special music during worship that day. There will be bratwurst and sauerkraut, as well as other German specialties. Locally made beer will be available for everyone over 21. There is no cost for the event, but donations would be appreciated to help offset some of the costs. If you have any questions, or would like to help coordinate the event, please contact Larry Tudor or Pastor Tina.

October Celebrations



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| 01 – Doris Douglas | 19 – Regan Flory |
| 02 – Julie Kinard | 20 – Arlene Smith |
| 07 – Roy Grove | 23 – Linda Dennish |
| 08 – Beth Hollingsworth | 23 – Ally Warntz |
| 08 – Regina Thompson | 25 – Dayne Bailey |
| 09 – Jeffrey Barker | 25 – Cassandra Carter |
| 09 – Jana Shoffner | 25 – Joy Hovis |
| 15 – George Eveler | 25 – David Laucks |
| 16 – Kelly Anderson | 28 – Edna Howard |
| 17 – Thalia Jones | 29 – Lisa Germick |
| 17 – Mark Stanley | 30 – Melisa Dellinger |
| 18 – Jennifer Rudolf | 30 – JoHanna Shaffer |

Wedding Anniversaries



- 03 – Eric and Diana Smith
- 05 – Evans and Donna Fishel
- 06 – Chris and Amy Johnston
- 08 – William and Sharon Stein
- 08 – Richard and Jeri Zerance
- 10 – Jeanne and Samuel Laucks, II
- 11 – Nathan and Giovanna Biles
- 11 – Brett and Susan Hammers
- 12 – Sami and Kirt Peters
- 14 – Edward and Daune Hartman
- 20 – Chris and Doris Golden
- 24 – Joe and Lorann Jacobs
- 27 – Drew and Robin Walker
- 29 – Vincent and Angie Kicas
- 29 – Thomas and Jennifer Kuhn

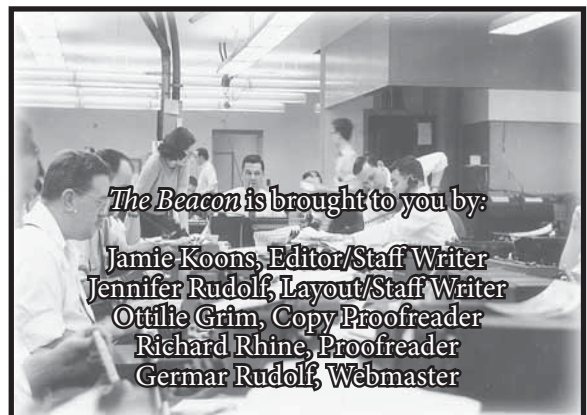
Each month, *The Beacon* reports who is sponsoring the flowers in the Sanctuary.

October's flowers are sponsored by:

- 05 – Robert Miller (Altar)
- 12 – Carolyn Noll (Altar)
- 19 – Ed Dellinger (Altar)
- Linda Yelle (Pedestal)
- 26 – Mrs. Phillip Douglas (Fall Arrangement)

November's flowers are sponsored by:

- 02 – Tom Smith (Altar)
- 09 – Anonymous (Altar)
- 16 – Jay Keener (Altar)
- 23 – Grace Lutheran (Altar)
- 30 – Richard Jacobs (Altar)



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<p>12</p> <p>Pastor Tina's Vacation 9:00 am - 9:45 am: Contemporary Service 9:45 - 10:45 am: Sunday School 10:00 - : Budget Hearing 10:45 - 11:45 am: Traditional Service 2:00 - 5:00 pm: Basement Reserved - Private Party</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pastor Tina's Vacation</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 pm - : Parish Education</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:15 pm - : Spirit Cellar Band Practice 6:30 pm - : Ringers by Grace Practice 7:00 pm - : Finance Meeting 7:00 pm - : Senior Choir Practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 pm - : Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pastor Tina's Vacation</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pastor Tina's Vacation</p>
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