



The BEACON

Shines with Grace Lutheran Church News

September, 2016

Give a smile,
Get one back,
Give a hug
And see the smile...

It's Happening at Grace
Lutheran!

It's All About the Perspective You Choose



**Every
morning
brings a new
beginning!**

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, the nurse provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy."

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait.."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged .. it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it.

It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away.. Just for this time in my life.."

As we move forward as a church community, Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

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Welcome to
our new Interim
Pastor, the Rev. Ed
Robbins. He starts
on September 11

GRACEFUL WOMEN MEETING SEPTEMBER 1

The Graceful Women will be hosting an evening of fellowship on September 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Welcome Center. The topic for the evening will be, 'Why Bad Things Happen to Good People.' We will have a mystery speaker. Interested in knowing who the speaker will be? Come and join us!

SHARING OUR GARDENS

Our produce ministry continues this month. Please place your homegrown trophies on the cart at the Portico Entrance to share with others. Thanks!



IN SEARCH OF BEACON EDITOR

Our wonderful editor, Jamie Koons, is moving to a different church and cannot continue in this capacity. We thank Jamie for her time and talent. However, this leaves *The Beacon* in need of an editor.

This volunteer position consists of gathering newsletter materials from church leaders and members and editing the submissions. It only takes a few hours of your time each month, and can be done from home according to your schedule. You would be providing an important service to the congregation by informing them of events and updates at Grace. We would accept a young person who has good grammar and would

like to learn about newsletters/journalism, or an older person who can cut and paste a word document. If you have a skill for writing and editing, or if you would like more information, please contact Jen Rudolf.



Congregational Meeting
to Announce
the Call Committee
September 18
at 10:30 a.m.
In the Sanctuary

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Church Council met on Thursday,
August 11, 2016.

Council decided to open the communion assistant duties to members of the congregation. If you would like to assist with the wine pouring at the traditional service, please see Lin Rotz or Anna Mae Lauer for open dates available.

The Treasurer's Office is seeking volunteers to assist with counting and data entry. If you have some accounting background and a working knowledge of Windows on a PC, please see a member of our HR Committee.

The revised *Power Church Plus* is up and running on our church computers. We are now in the learning and tweaking stage of the process.

The Rev. Edward Robbins, our Interim Pastor, dropped in on Monday, August 8, and was given a tour of our church. He met with Tom Smith, Ellen Warntz, Anna Mae Lauer and me. He also attended our Game Night – Disastrous Desserts fundraiser and made his rounds. I am pretty sure that he talked to everyone who was present. He is anxious to get started here at Grace and we are just as excited for him to start.

I have the names for our Call Committee from the Nominating Committee; they are now in the process of being verified as eligible to serve. We will be having a congregational meeting on September 18 to announce the Call Committee members. Please, everyone who is eligible to vote, come out to our congregational meeting. This is a most important function of our church; calling a new pastor. Come out and help us make history! We will need everyone's support in this undertaking.

- Lin Rotz, Council President

FAMILY SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Like the Rio Olympics, our Olympic theme has now come to a close. We celebrate and thank the willingness of our presenters as well as the attendance of our many children. We have been seeing not only children and their parents, but other church members who were interested in the programs presented. Sunday School Promotion Celebration will be on September 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, where children and parents will meet their old/new teachers for the beginning of classes. Our new curriculum will also be introduced at that time. Join us for this endorsement of Christian Education here at Grace Lutheran Church.



LUTHERAN RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

One billion of our neighbors — that's one in seven people in our world today — live in poverty. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Working through Lutheran connections in the United States and around the world, we start by listening to the needs of our neighbors and getting their ideas to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Then we partner with them to make their dreams and hopes a reality. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, food pantries to soup kitchens, we work together to support innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

The ELCA has a long history of being present in communities, working to help and serve where the needs are greatest. Participating in this work that God calls us to in the world compels us to be attentive to complex and changing situations, as well as to the importance of both immediate relief and ongoing, long-term assistance for our sisters and brothers and the communities in which they live.

Our relief and development work is pursued and accomplished through a variety of bold, active ministries and initiatives. As members of the ELCA, Grace Lutheran contributes to these important causes. For example, The Game Night gathered \$292 for Lutheran Domestic Disaster Response – West Virginia Flooding. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to donate to the West Virginia flood cause, information and donation forms are on the reverse side of the green backpack form in the bulletin. Bulletins are in the usual spots in the Welcome Center and Spirit Cellar.

Lutheran World Relief Thanks Grace Lutheran's Efforts



Lutheran World Relief is thankful for your congregation's financial partnership. Together, we reach out around the world to end **poverty, injustice** and **human suffering**.

Your support reaches millions of people in need every year, helping them to:



GROW FOOD.



EARN INCOME.



RECOVER FROM DISASTERS.



BUILD BETTER FUTURES.

SEE HOW YOUR GIFTS MAKE A LASTING IMPACT



MEET DAISY. She lives high in the Andes Mountains of Peru. Learn how you are helping her family grow many varieties of potatoes — a lucrative crop native to the region — which helps to increase their income so they have access to food year-round.



MEET MINA. Five years ago, she wouldn't have believed how much money could be made from farming vegetables. Learn how you are helping women in India to diversify the crops they grow and unite to form self-help groups.



MEET SEVU. For years, his family struggled to survive as subsistence farmers in Kenya. Learn how you are providing farming families in East Africa with access to water for irrigating their fields, growing crops and earning income year-round.

These videos and more are available to download and share at lwr.org/video!

The Music Ministry Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday September 14: Bells from 6:30-7:00 p.m. & Choir from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please join us for a few weeks and then decide if you want to make this commitment to your church.



SPARE SOME TIME TO MAKE BACK TO SCHOOL GREAT FOR THOSE IN NEED

As school begins, we realize that many of our families are in greater need than ever. On Monday, August 22, we had two families come to Grace searching for backpacks and school clothes. Fortunately, our donations have been plentiful so we were able to help them both. Unfortunately, that is only a minuscule part of our outreach program with the food pantry. We have been giving out emergency food nearly every day this summer. Because our donations are numerous, we are greatly in need of volunteers to help with sanctuary setup on September 11, beginning after the traditional service. We do provide lunch for our helpers, so bring your appetites, your working clothes, and a generous heart to help with the setup. Even the children can help and observe the stewardship that is prevalent in Grace Lutheran Church. Mark your calendar and join us on September 11.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

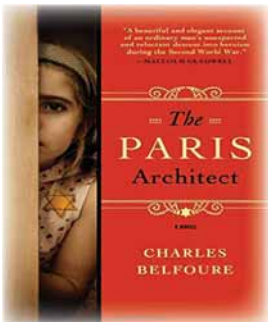


This month, we are reading *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure. Anyone interested in participating can get a copy of the book from Jennifer Rudolf or Geri Jacobs.

Goodreads.com summarized the book as follows:

“Like most gentiles in Nazi-occupied Paris, architect Lucien Bernard has little empathy for the Jews. So when a wealthy industrialist offers him a large sum of money to devise secret hiding places for Jews, Lucien struggles with the choice of risking his life for a cause he doesn’t really believe in. Ultimately he can’t resist the challenge and begins designing expertly concealed hiding spaces—behind a painting, within a column, or inside a drainpipe—detecting possibilities invisible to the average eye. But when one of his clever hiding spaces fails horribly and the immense suffering of Jews becomes incredibly personal, he can no longer deny reality.

Written by an expert whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every life the architect tries to save.”



NOISY OFFERING



Have you ever wondered where the money from Noisy Offering goes? We support two African children in their quest for a high school education. In Africa, a high school education is not free. Grace Lutheran sends one boy and one girl as part of our mission. right now, however, we are not collecting enough to meet our goal. Please consider some folding money when you give to the ‘silver bucket.’ Our next collection is on September 4.

WHAT’S IN THE DISPLAY CASE?



The display case theme for September is entitled ‘Pet Month.’ Did you know that pets can be a prescription for a happier, healthier life? We will be celebrating the furry, fuzzy and feathered members of our congregation.

GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY

September 25 is ‘God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday.’ This annual community service project encourages us to put sweat equity into our faith. We are again helping the less flexible members of our congregation spruce up their homes. If you need sidewalks power-washed, weeds pulled, hedges trimmed, light fixtures hung, windows washed or any other small DIY project, call the church office or Beth Kollosch at 717-487-5585. The contact information is the same if you would like to join the ‘Yellow Shirt Team Hands of Grace.’

HOW TO SUBMIT TO THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome all submissions to the newsletter. The newsletter is a great place to ask for help, publicize an event you are planning in the church, tell people about something you or your family are doing, thank members, celebrate a victory. The possibilities are endless! The vision for the newsletter is to communicate between members in a clear and interesting format. If you would like to submit to the newsletter or help in any way, here is what you can do:

*If you are comfortable with computers, you may email Jen Rudolf at: swimmerjenusa@yahoo.com. Please make sure your document is either a .doc or .pdf file. If you are including digital artwork, make sure it is at least 300KB in size.

*If you prefer paper, just drop off your submission in the mailbox marked ‘Newsletter’ outside the office. The mailboxes are located on a table across the hall.

The deadline for submission is the 20th of each month for the following month’s newsletter. If you have pictures or graphics that complement your submission, include them along with directions or suggestions on their use. Please include your contact information in every submission so the editor can get in touch to clarify or fact-check. If you are interested in a monthly submission or article, we welcome that as well.



LUTHERAN CAMPING

The following events are listed on LutheranCamping.org. Visit the Web site or call 717-677-8211 for more information.

September 16-17: "WOW! Women's Outdoor Weekend" at Kirchenwald

This faith-filled weekend will bring out your adventurous side with options like hiking, boating, and climbing. The retreat runs from 7 p.m. on Friday until 4 p.m. on Saturday. All ages are welcome and participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. \$65 per person includes accommodations in SchreiberHaus Lodge, all activities, and meals.

September 17: Lutheran Camping Night at the York Revolution

The York Revolution and the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA are teaming up on Saturday, September 17 as the Revolution take on the Long Island Ducks. 50% of profits from each ticket sold through this offer will go back to the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA! Tickets are \$8 each. Order tickets or print an order form online. This offer is not available on the night of the game, only in advance. Tickets must be ordered by Monday, September 1.

September 23-25: 'LSS ALiVE: Middle School Youth Event' at Nawakwa

ALiVE 2016 is an event for youth in grades 6-8 and their advisors. This year's event will feature many of the same events and activities that have come to help make these events so memorable for youth and their adult advisors, but with a few new twists. Our theme

is 'Stand Up.' As Lutherans, we recall our commitment to stand firmly for what we believe in the face of a culture that often views our understanding of love, grace, and forgiveness as counter-cultural. Martin Luther once boldly stood before a tribunal intent on excommunicating him from the Roman Catholic church, and proudly confessed, "Here I stand, I can do no other," when asked if he would renounce his beliefs. Can we stand as confidently today in the face of our naysayers? How can we equip ourselves to 'stand' as confidently as Luther? We'll discuss these topics and more with our teens and adults, in the beauty and idyllic fall setting of God's Creation at Camp Nawakwa.

What can you expect if you attend? Youth stay in cabins with their congregational peers and leaders, so this is a weekend for you to do some group building. The youth meet with trained small group leaders for interactive learning and conversation with their peers, allowing them to meet new friends from Lutheran congregations across our synod. Many have said they remain friends throughout high school and even college. Along with the small group learning opportunities, youth can enjoy games, crafts, large group music and singing, evening activities that include a campfire – and most recently, Capture the Flag, as well as worship at Upper Temple on Sunday, weather permitting. Adult leaders can gather with their peers from other congregations for conversation, renewal, and continuing education. Plus, everyone enjoys worship at Upper Temple, large group singing and activities, plus the beautiful fall weather at Camp Nawakwa and the surrounding orchards.

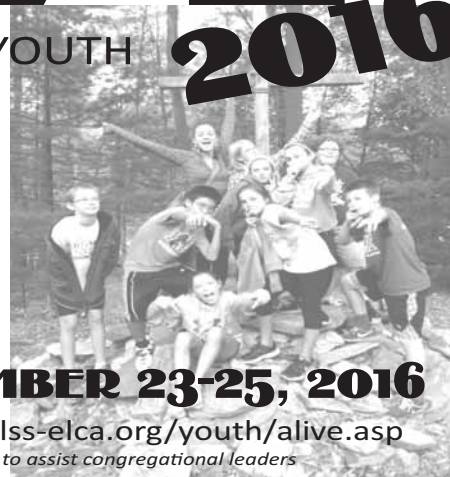
ALiVE

AN EVENT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH **2016**

FRIENDS + GAMES + WORSHIP
FAITH CONVERSATION + CAMPFIRE

"STAND UP"

Where we stand for what we believe



CAMP NAWAKWA + SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2016

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1 AT: <http://www.lss-elca.org/youth/alive.asp>

This year featuring a simpler, streamlined registration process to assist congregational leaders

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Hospice Volunteers Needed for SpiriTrust Lutheran

Hospice volunteering can make such a difference not only in the lives of those needing support, but also in your life! SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care and Hospice is looking for caring individuals interested in serving our local community by becoming hospice volunteers. Our volunteers are part of the SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care and Hospice team and provide emotional support to clients and their families, relief to caregivers, and friendship at a time when companionship is needed most. This opportunity is extremely flexible and scheduled according to your availability. Volunteer training is FREE and the next sessions are scheduled for September 15, 22, and 29, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at our office located at 1651 Mt. Zion Rd., York, PA. Please consider becoming part of this very important and life-changing ministry by calling our Volunteer Coordinator, Missy Gladfelter, at (717) 757-0774.



Formerly LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

THANK YOU FROM THE JEDEDIAH THOMAS SMITH FOUNDATION

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH**

Thank you! Because of your continuous generosity, our annual yard sale raised over \$2,000 to help local families who have children fighting

cancer. We could not do this without your very generous support. We are so grateful.

Thank you so much!
Kristin and the JTSF

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

September's flowers are sponsored by:

- 04 – Richard Rhine
- 11 – Mrs. Edward Arnold
- 18 – Connie Heiss
- 25 – open

October's flowers are sponsored by:

- 02 – Robert Miller
- 09 – Carolyn Noll
- 16 – Ed Dellinger
- 23 – Doris Douglas
(fall arrangement)
- 30 - open

Lector and Acolyte sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center

September Celebrations



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| 01 – Jeffrey Arnold | 15 – Alec Crawford |
| 01 – Hunter Jones | 16 – Sharon Phillips |
| 02 – John Hartman | 17 – Lillian Kiehner |
| 04 – Dee Bowles | 17 – Jennifer Kuhn |
| 05 – Diana Bailey | 19 – Bradley Mummert |
| 05 – Brett Hammers | 19 – Carol Vigna |
| 07 – Jessie Fishel | 20 – Jason Krout |
| 08 – Nancy Becker | 23 – Robert W. Miller |
| 10 – Kathleen Shaffer | 23 – Wade Vigna |
| 11 – Peggy Ericson | 24 – Adam Golden |
| 11 – Andreas Hont | 24 – Sami Peters |
| 11 – Mason Shaffer | 25 – Cindy Christenberry |
| 11 – Matthew Shaffer | 26 – Morgan Gwinn |
| 11 – Andrea Stanley | 26 – Benjamin Hanzlik |
| 12 – Jennifer Lloyd | 27 – Lesa Arnold |
| 12 – Robin Walker | 27 – James Isett |
| 14 – Holly Barker | 27 – Ralph “Bud” Urey |
| 14 – Sharon Hont | 28 – Michael Atkins |
| 14 – Marion Wiemert | 29 – Sharon Bucher |

Wedding Anniversaries



- 01 – Zach & Bryel Turner
- 04 – John & Laura Hartman
- 09 – Ronald & Nancy Golden
- 11 – Richard & Geri Jacobs
- 11 – Germar & Jennifer Rudolf
- 13 – Carl & Dee Bowles
- 18 – Robert & Jessie Fishel
- 28 – Kurt & Tammy Golden
- 28 – Darwin & Edna Howard
- 29 – Mark & Linda Ricci

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September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am - 9:45 am: Contemporary Service 10:45 am - 11:45 am: Traditional Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>LABOR DAY Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00 pm : Graceful Women</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00 am - 9:45 am: Contemporary Service 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Sunday School 10:45 am - 11:45 am: Traditional Service 12:15 pm : Yard Sale Set-Up</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 am: Food Distribution 7:00 pm: Property Committee</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 pm: Ringers by Grace 7:00 pm: Senior Choir Practice 7:00 pm: Finance Committee</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 pm: Book Club</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>9:00 am - 9:45 am: Contemporary Service 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Sunday School 10:45 am - 11:45 am: Traditional Service 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm: Gods Work Our Hands Sunday</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 pm: Ringers by Grace 7:00 pm: Senior Choir Practice</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 pm : Mug Club @ Black Cap</p>	<p>30</p>	