

August's Grace

Growing with Grace News:

We have been busy adjusting to all of the new rules and regulations implemented by the state for our school. We are trying to keep our space as "normal" as possible for the kids, and they seem to be less resistant to change than we are as adults! We have had a great summer so far, filled with art, tie dye, sprinklers, playgrounds, bikes, bubbles and books!



Pastor's Pause

Proverbs 29:18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish ...”

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope and pray that you have had a good summer so far. Too quickly our summer is drawing to a close. We will soon be done with summer activities and heading into our Fall mode. You may experience that some of our “normal” mode activities such as school are not as normal as they once were. I can't wait until we can stop wearing masks and see the smiles on other's faces; or greet someone with a handshake or hug.

As I am writing this, I am not sure where to begin or what to say. As of right now we are not sure if the school will be open and/if how they will function. Will the kids go every day or a couple of days and the rest on line? Will there be sports or no sports? What a mess.

I just saw a video on Facebook of a group of thugs shouting down people for going into a church saying, “The church can't save you.” This is a mixed racial church and the ones shouting at the people for going in were mixed in race. These thugs were trying to shame the church goers.

The video shows a young woman taking her two small children and her baby into the church and the protesters started shouting, “Save those kids.” The church had people standing together so those thugs couldn't go in. How scary this must have been for the children!

Yes, the church cannot save, but what we “get” inside saves. The world outside the church has nothing to offer. It is messy, corrupt, lost, confused, hurting, etc. The world outside listens to secular philosophers, feelings and opinions that change on a dime. They don't want order, they want chaos. As Jesus says, they stuff their ears and will not listen to Truth.

We hear of cities defunding their police force when they should receive more money to help train the policemen better. Society treats police like dirt or as if they should be hunted down like animals. Society makes small issues into huge behemoth issues. As I look out beyond these walls, I see Satan's playground becoming more chaotic all the time and wondering when this is going to stop.

I have to admit, I don't think it is going to stop. Winter may slow it down a bit, but I think we are on a downhill slide. The wickedness that we see around us will push its boundaries. Once the police force is shackled there is nothing to stop what is going on, nothing. What I see happening around us gives me concern, makes me angry and frustrated. I pray for God's wisdom.

But we, as children of God should not lose hope. Jesus tells us that when these things happen, we are to look up for our salvation draws near. We need to come together for encouragement, help and guidance. It is being together that we feel the presence of God, the peace of God.

I am not sure that you see it a whole lot around here, but in the mid-west farmers are gearing up for harvest time which usually starts in September. August is usually a short respite period. I will be taking two weeks of CE (continuing education) in Nebraska and a one-week vacation then.

We are getting some produce from our garden, lettuce, tomatoes, peas, beans, onions, cucumbers, etc. This has been a good summer for a garden. After my 2 weeks of continuing ed. and a week of vacation we will be back, still working on our new home situation. At the end of September, I will be starting a Confirmation Class during the Sunday School hour.

May you have a great and godly day,

Pastor Bill

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30 NIV)*

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not published
on-line.

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

MEMORIALS

In Memory of

Jack Carns
Kent Stauffer
Norma Troutman
Robert Eakin

James Eschrich

Sent by

Barb & Art Steinhauer
Barb & Art Steinhauer
Barb & Art Steinhauer
Mary Winner
Jim & Virginia Randolph
Bruce & Chris Schuessler
Bruce & Chris Schuessler
Jim & Sharon Long
Dave & Jan Swanson
Wally & Vicki Sander
Dave & Cheryl Sheneman
Ken & Karen Rakieski
Rick, Kay & Lynzy Wheaton

With Sympathy

Our Grace family extends
sincere sympathy on your
recent loss.

**Michele, Abbie & Noah
Evers** on the loss of their
father and grandfather, **James
Eschrich**.



Holy,
holy, *Holy* is the
LORD
of hosts; the whole earth is full
of his *glory*.
Isaiah 6:1

ALTAR COMMITTEE

**Kathy Verbocy &
Wendy Wright**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Aug. 2 - Bruce & Chris Schuessler
Aug. 9 -
Aug. 16 -
Aug. 23 -
Aug. 30 -

Recycling Update

Can money through June - \$2,011.62, plus \$475.20 that **Dave Swanson** turned in, for a grand total of \$2,486.82.

We thank **Dave** for his continuing to collect and to everyone for bringing their cans in to church.

Thank you to **Lou Sokoly** for taking cans to Olean and to **Jim and Mary Paterniti** for taking truck loads over.

Bruce started chemo on July 14th for 6 months and therefore will not be handling cans. We thank our grandson, **Jacob Coffman**, for helping Papa do the cans he had for his community service project. We especially thank everyone for their prayers.

Bruce & Chris

Council Meeting

The Church Council meeting is **Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30pm** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome to attend the monthly Council Meetings! There is also a suggestion box in the Welcome Center.



Please remember our shut-ins

The Pastor and the Deacons try to ensure that each person gets visitation and Communion at least once a month. BUT, a card, a phone call or a brief visit brightens the day for our brothers and sisters who can no longer attend services regularly. Cards and a list of our shut-ins are available in the Social Hall.

Sara Christjohn

Windsor House
Snyder Memorial Health Care Ctr.
P.O. Box 680
156 Snyder Memorial Rd.
Marienville, PA 16239

Marsha Denning

354 Interstate Pkwy.
362-6429

Debbie Kelly

The Pavilion at BRMC
200 Pleasant St.

Donna Lannen

24 Shep Run Rd.
596-0286

Judy Signor

28 Brookline Court
779-1066

Special Prayer

The Pastor and the Deacons invite you to come to the altar to have your needs or the needs of a loved one addressed in individual prayer. Prayer will be offered immediately following each service on the **first weekend of every month**, but always feel free to ask for prayer at any time.



Love Letters

Do you know someone with a serious or terminal illness who may not have the support they need or a church family to support them? The Pastor and the Deacons would like to reach out to them with the love of Christ to help them with their spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Please contact one of the Deacons with the name and address of the person in need so a letter can be sent to them.



Deacons are: **Michele Evers, Robb Evers, Mary Paterniti, Jim Roggenbaum, Stacia Roggenbaum, Wally Sander, Barb Steinhauer, Kathy Verbocy and Kay Wheaton.**

Deadlines for Weekly Slides, Bulletin Items

Just a reminder that the deadline to have items placed in the weekly bulletin is Wednesday morning and the deadline for slides is Thursday morning. Please write the information up in the manner you would like church secretary **Dianne Deloe** to print it.

Recipe Corner

Zucchini Burgers

2 cups shredded zucchini
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
2 large eggs, lightly beaten

1/8 teaspoon salt
Dash cayenne pepper
3 hard-boiled large egg whites, chopped
2 tablespoons canola oil

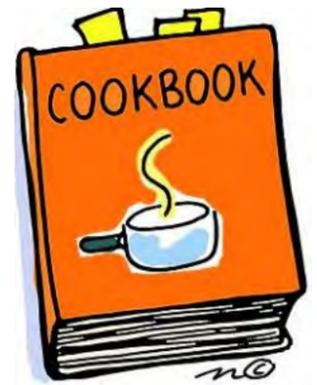
In a sieve or colander, drain zucchini, squeezing to remove excess liquid. Pat dry. In a small bowl, combine the zucchini, chopped onion, bread crumbs, beaten eggs, salt and cayenne. Gently stir in chopped egg whites.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-low heat. Drop batter by scant 2/3 cupfuls into oil; press lightly to flatten. Fry in batches until golden brown on both sides, adding more oil as needed. Serve on buns with lettuce, tomato and onion and your favorite condiments.

Zucchini Cranberry Nut Muffins

6 tablespoons flour
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup margarine, softened
1 cup white sugar
1 egg
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1-1/2 cups flour
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup grated zucchini
1 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup chopped walnuts



Preheat oven to 375°. Prepare 12 muffin cups with liners.

For topping: mix the 6 tablespoons flour and brown sugar together in a bowl; cut butter into the flour mixture until you have pea-sized crumbs; set aside.

Beat margarine and white sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until light and fluffy. Beat egg and vanilla into the margarine mixture.

Mix 1-1/2 cups flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt together in a separate bowl; gradually beat into the butter mixture. Fold zucchini, cranberries and walnuts into the mixture; spoon into prepared muffin cups, filling nearly to the top. Sprinkle with reserved topping mixture. Bake for about 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.



Chocolate Swirl Zucchini Sheet Cake

3 cups flour
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups white sugar
1-1/2 cups canola oil
3 eggs
3 cups grated zucchini

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup buttermilk
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup milk chocolate chips
1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a sheet cake pan with cooking spray. Sift together the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt.

In a mixing bowl, beat together 3 cups of sugar with canola oil with an electric mixer on low speed until the mixture is smooth; add 3 eggs one at a time, and beat again to combine. Beat in zucchini and vanilla until well combined. Beat the flour mixture into the sugar mixture by fourths, alternating with 1/4 cup of buttermilk after every portion of flour mixture. Mix the batter for 1 minute on medium-high speed, and pour the batter into prepared pan.

In a bowl, beat together the cream cheese and 1/4 cup of sugar until combined; mix in 1 egg until mixture is smooth. Spoon dollops of the mixture here and there over the cake batter; swirl through the batter with a table knife to make a marbled effect. Sprinkle with the chocolate chips.

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the chocolate portion of the center of the cake comes out with moist crumbs. Cool on a rack.



GIFTS OF GRACE GIFT CARD PROGRAM (to Benefit Growing with Grace Preschool)

**Orders with payment must be submitted
by 10:00am on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month**

NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

Questions?
Contact Jackie Streb

Gift card orders with payment can be dropped off at the church office Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The orders can be put into the safe (on the wall outside Dianne's office), or handed to Dianne or Pastor. All orders with payment must be in the church safe by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 2nd.

Grace Memorials / Altar Flowers

Prayerfully consider donating to the Grace Memorial fund when you wish to make a memorial donation. When you donate to the Memorial Fund, a card is sent to the family of the person that you are remembering.

Also, you may sign up for Altar Flowers on the chart posted in the Social Hall. This can be in memory of a loved one or friend or to commemorate a special event.

To make a donation you may use one of the envelopes in the Welcome Center and place in the collection plate, the safe or call **Sharon Long at 368-6711 or the Church Office at 362-3244.**

BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN who are taught to see beauty in all things around them ... for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN who are led with patience and understanding ... for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion ... for they shall become peacemakers of the world.

BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN who are taught the value and power of truth ... for they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN who are guided by those with faith in a loving God ... for they will find Him early and will walk with Him through life.

BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN who are loved and know that they are loved ... for they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.



Church Office Hours:
Monday thru Friday - 7:30am to 1:30pm



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Join Us For Worship!

**Friday
6:30pm Crosswalk
Youth Worship at the CLC**

**Sunday
10:00am Blended**

**Adult Education
9:00am**

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Growing with Grace
Christian Preschool***

**CURRENT AND
UPCOMING EVENTS
AT GRACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

August 2

***Gift Card Orders
Due by 10:00am***

August 5

***Deacons Meeting
6:00pm***

August 11

***Council Meeting
6:30pm***



The Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter is published monthly. Submissions for newsletters can be left for the newsletter team in the church office. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please e-mail them to: newsletter@agraceplace.org or leave them in the church office.