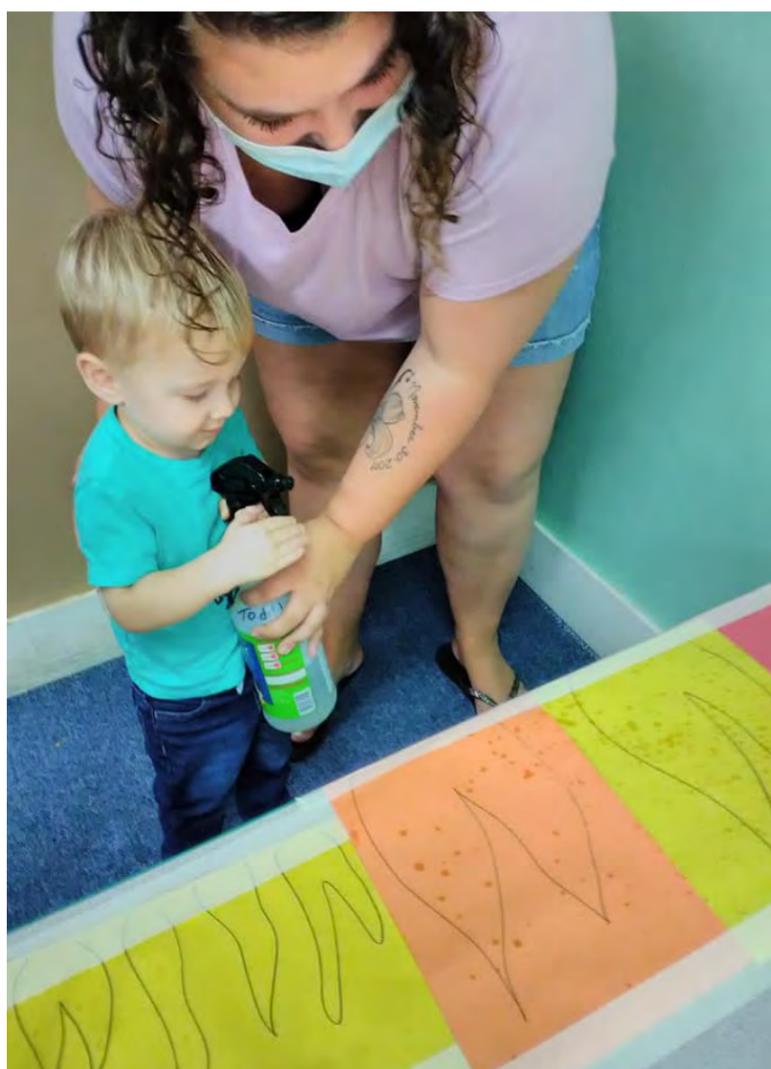


November's Grace

Growing with Grace

Pictures are of the students petting "Apple Blossom" the chicken, PreK class with their new scooters from the Bradford Area Public Library for participating in all 9 weeks of their reading program, Toddlers "working" on putting out Fires in their classroom while learning about community jobs, sensory play, fine motor work!



Stewardship Minute

**(AN EXCERPT TAKEN FROM ANN VOSKAMP'S (Good) News Letter)
Ann Voskamp lives on a farm in Canada, is married and a mother of seven**

When I saw it plastered on a wall somewhere in the city, it brought me up short.
I stepped back a few steps, stood there in front of it like a fool farm hick.
Blazoned across the three panels like a wakeup call:

Why do you get out of bed in the morning?

Standing there before the billboard and it's haunting question, it comes as a beat under my feet, a rhythm down the street, the question that's begging an answer, and I want to arrest a steady stream of blank-faced commuters and ask them if they know, want to ask of old men on park benches and kids on park swings and mamas at sinks with young ones slung up on tired hips and the brave who get out of bed and alone and face their own uphill road: *Why — why do you really keep getting out of bed?*

What you are in love with decides what you live for.

What you are in love with decides what decides what you get out of bed for.

Nothing is more necessary than finding God and falling in love and deeper into Him.

Love decides everything.

Fall in love with the Hands that shaped your heart, that cups your face, that trace your scars, that caress you with grace. Fall in love with His face in a thousand faces, in the baby that meets you at the crib rail and the teenager that doesn't want to budge and the man that never fails to put feet to the floor and find his Levis and the back door to brave the world for Love.

Fall in love with the One who fills your lungs with this breath and all these people and this sky and all this light, all this glorious light.

You have to fall in love because this will get you up and keep you going every day.

Go fall in love with grace and mercy and the only One who has ever loved you to death and back to the realest life — because the world is begging us all to get out of bed and sacrifice for someone hurting, for someone different, for someone forgotten or marginalized, to hold the hand of someone who doesn't look like us, to lean in and listen to someone angry and grieving and doubting the likes of us, *to give a bit of ourselves to those who feel like they aren't given much real space at the table.*

Read the headlines, read your news feed, and then defy the dark and go fall in love with kids raised in different neighbor hoods than yours, fall in love with God in the faces that tell stories different than yours, fall in love with people who think and live and walk in circles far different than yours.

Sacrifice will always leave you the most satisfied.

Fall in love, stay in love, stay sacrificing, and you live the most satisfied.

What you are in love with in your life — decides everything about your life.

Love decides everything.

Pastor's Pause

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Wow! It seems like it wasn't too long ago I wrote the newsletter for October and now it is time to write another one. It is a bit difficult to write; I had my eyelids operated on and it is hard to see clearly. My surgical site hurts, but when I called my brother, Augie, who had it done last year, he said it didn't hurt at all. Just to say, the way my eyes look today, I won't need a Halloween mask. I can scare kids without trying.

November is a crazy month; we can have what is known as Indian summer where we get temperatures in the 60s-70s or we can have terrible blizzards with feet of snow and 30 mph + of winds. What will it be this crazy, atypical year?

Don't forget to vote on November 3rd and pray that we have a peaceful November 4th.

As a number of you know we have been looking for a new house here in Bradford. We have found one and our closing date is/was October 23rd. We are excited to move and we hope to be in before the snow flies. The house is a ranch style brick at 315 Langmaid Ln out where the college is. It is more than what we need, but it is what we want. It is a wonderful area.

Even though you may not have grown up in a rural agricultural area, you have an understanding of it. We have a celebration that reminds us of our agricultural past. It is this time of the year that farmers are finishing their harvest. And so, it is proper that we give thanks to God. At the end of November; we thank God for the harvest and blessings of this past year — even though it has been wackadoodle.

The last Sunday of November we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. This is the last Sunday of the Church year. The following Sunday is Advent, a time we switch Gospel readings. We should not jump over Christ the Kings Sunday too quickly. This is the Sunday which we celebrate Christ's ultimate Kingship when we will be with Him in paradise and Evil will be defeated. Satan will be thrown into hell for all eternity and all wrongs will be erased.

Christ the Lord is King over all creation; Halleluiah, Amen.

Pastor Bill

Sunday School News

Thank you to everyone who helped make the October Rally Sunday a successful one; those who helped plan, those who are helping in some capacity with Sunday School, the students and their families and the congregation. We have 6 students already signed up and expect more. Please continue to pray that this year is a year of growth, not only in numbers, but most importantly in the children's and teacher's walk with Jesus.

Sunday School starts at 9am and is geared for K-12th graders. We meet during Breakfast Club (BC starts at 8am) down in the CLC building. Come early with the entire family and enjoy the free breakfast. Parents can then go to Adult Sunday School in the Social Hall while the teachers take the students to their class rooms. Dismissal will be about 9:50am. Afterwards, please join us for Sunday Services.

Speaking of teachers, we are always looking for more help. Currently we are covered, but would like to have a few more volunteers so that the teachers could be rotated and no one would have to teach the entire year. Please take this to God in prayer.

If you would like to be part of the Sunday School decision making process, feel free to join us for board meeting. Next one will be in January.

Children's Time during Sunday Services will continue for K-5th grade. Middle Schoolers are also welcome to participate but are encouraged to stay for Pastor's sermon.

Your servant in Christ,
Sherylanne

*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!



ALTAR COMMITTEE

**Jackie Streb and
Kristen Langanese**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 1-
Nov. 8-
Nov. 15-
Nov. 22 -
Nov. 29-

MEMORIALS

In Memory of

Alton Gallman

Rosie Carpenter

Christine Wilcox

Karen Smith

Shirley Manion

Anne Minich

John Frisina

Sara Christjohn

Sent by

Connie Brandes & family

Richard Brandes & Family

Jackie Streb

Jackie Streb

Ted & Robyn Hardy

Rick & Kay Wheaton

Rick & Kay Wheaton

Barb & Art Steinhauer

Barb & Art Steinhauer

Barb & Art Steinhauer

Bruce & Chris Schuessler

Jim & Sharon Long

Tom & Dianne Deloe

Dave & Jan Swanson

Jim & Virginia Randolph

Ken & Karen Rakieski

Wally & Vicki Sander

Nancy Allen

Rick & Kay Wheaton

Ted & Robyn Hardy

Hailie Cox

John & Jeanie Satterwhite

Jack & Doris Stoddard

Dick & Nancy Miller

Jean Ross

Barb & Art Steinhauer

Terry Christjohn

Ron and Kathy Symington

November

November is the month
When days start growing short
We say why we are thankful
And watch our favorite sport!
We celebrate the harvest
With turkeys who say "gobble!"
We feast on Thanksgiving Day
And eat until we wobble!

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Council Meeting

The Church Council meeting is **Tuesday, November 10 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.

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 office manager **Jenna Hogue** to print it.

Recipe Corner

Fun And Easy Turkey Brownies

Box of your favorite brownie mix
(Plus ingredients from box, usually eggs & oil)
Miniature peanut butter cups
Fall colored M&Ms (or chocolate candies)
Candy eyes
Candy Corn
Chocolate Icing – for sticking candies to brownies



Directions:

Prepare your brownies according to the instructions on the box.
Once the brownies have cooled, cut them into 3 inch circles. Can use a small cup to make my circles!
Add a little icing to the back of a peanut butter cup to add the turkey body.
Next, add candy eyes and a red chocolate candy for the beak/gobbler.
Finally, add 4-5 candy corn to make the turkey feathers.
Enjoy!

Growing with Grace

October Update

- 🌸 Our Licensing through DHS, and our STARS Designation are this month.
 - These are the main tasks which are focused on this month in the office.
 - Got- Jenna Clearances
 - NEED- Pastor Clearances, Rob- Clearances
- 🌸 GWG and GLC- 24 week period for the PPP loan is up this month (Oct. 23) so I will be applying for forgiveness with the help of Barb if needed.
- 🌸 The classrooms are trying to do community month, the best that they can with our Covid restrictions.
- 🌸 We hired a Covid-buster/cleaner to help GWG with some chores (ionizer/deep cleaning/changing heavy sink tanks each night)
 - David Thorton
 - We also hired 3 additional staff and lost one
 - Ms. Staci has left due to health issues
 - Michaela Terri to replace her
 - Cole Palmer (college student-substitute)
 - Cherise Rumsey (who was a Highschool helper with us last school year)- Aide
- 🌸 Stars era grants info
- 🌸 Grace Improvement Projects- Child care funding-Coronavirus relief.
- 🌸 We moved the Fob system to the DCE office (next to pastors) so that the church and I can both have access to it.



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, NOVEMBER 1ST**

Questions?
Contact Jackie Streb

Gift card orders with payment can be dropped off at the church office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00p.m. The orders can be put into the safe (on the wall outside Jenna's office), or handed to Jenna or Pastor. All orders with payment must be in the church safe by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st.

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.

December-January Newsletter

The December and January newsletters will be combined into one newsletter again this year. Please note that the deadline for articles about church activities during that time is Monday, November 16th.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS AT 2:00AM ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st!
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR,
BEFORE RETIRING ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31.**



Church Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday - 8:30am to 3:00pm



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Join Us For Worship!

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

**Sunday
10:00am Blended**

**Family Education
9:00am**

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The Web!***

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Growing with Grace
Christian Preschool***

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

November 1

***Daylight Savings Time
Ends at 2:00am***

November 1

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

November 4

***Staff Meeting 12:00pm
Deacons Meeting
6:00pm***

November 10

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

November 26 & 27

***Thanksgiving Holiday
Church Office,
GwG and CLC Closed***



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