



We proudly announce the Pre-K graduation of

ARCHER GUMTOW, HANNAH GUMTOW, LIAM KENDALL, DOMINIC PARSONS, and

LUKE FRANK

from GROWING WITH GRACE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Graduation will take place at:

Grace Lutheran Church Sanctuary on June 3rd at 9:00am

Stewardship

Tithing Is an Act of Faith by Bill Winston Ministries

SCRIPTURE:

But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man... (1 Timothy 1:8–9)

DEVOTIONAL:

Tithing is for the believer today. However, it is not to be done by the works of the law, but by faith. Scripture tells us, “Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man...” (1 Timothy 1:8). One of the reasons God chose Abram (Abraham) was because he would teach his children (Genesis 18:19). Abraham taught his family the things God taught him, which we can clearly see in the life of Jacob who said to God, “And of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth (tithe) unto thee” (Genesis 28:22). There is some dispute among theologians whether this is referring to the tithe or an additional offering. The point is Jacob knew about the tithe.

We see the evidence of tithing even in the time Jesus walked the earth. “But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone” (Luke 11:42). Notice, Jesus told them not to leave the other undone. Jesus was saying don’t stop tithing.

The tithe acknowledges God as the Sovereign God, the “I Am,” God as person, eternal, self-sufficient, and self-contained. It says that we are stewards over this earth and we are under His Lordship. A steward exercises all the privileges of ownership, but is not the owner.

It is ironic that one of the main reasons some church folks don’t tithe is because of the fear of not having enough. However, if they will tithe (by faith), and connect up to God’s Word (the Covenant), they will always have enough. He will see to it. One of His names is *El Shaddai*, which means *One* who nourishes and supplies, the God who is all-bountiful and all-sufficient.

My friend, are you ready to trust your all-sufficient God to meet all of your needs today?

Pastor's Pause

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

While writing this letter the temperature is around 80 degrees. I would've like to put some tomato plants in the garden, but the following week several nights are supposed to be below freezing. As you guessed, I had to put off gardening for a while longer.

Life is this way. We may be gung-ho on doing a project when an allen-wrench is thrown into the gears making things come to a halt; this can either be caused by people, nature or something else. If God is involved with the project or the reason for the delay, it does not mean we throw up our hands and forget about the project.

There may be a reason as to why God doesn't want the project to go farther. Maybe the timing isn't right for you or others. God has a reason. I just told myself yesterday that it is no longer one day at a time, but one step at a time. Somehow God will get us through and hopefully we will be open to learning along the way.

In church this whole month we celebrate the Sundays of Easter followed by Holy Trinity and Pentecost. For the seven weeks of Easter, the reading and sermons will be about the appearances and words of Christ after He rose from the dead. These are important words; words to strengthen our faith; words to help us understand the Church and how we are to minister.

I think that many people who hear these words of Jesus think that being the Church and doing Church business (Scriptural Church business not secular Church business) is optional. It is not. Jesus made an imperative statement when He tells us to share Christ and Christ's message with others. It is not optional. We are to be joined together as the Church of Christ.

I will be putting copies of, What Ministers Wished Congregational Members Knew, in the Narthex, on the table at the entrance in the back of the church. Every month I will be putting out different chapters. I called and was given permission by the author himself. I would like people to pick it up and read it because it helps us to better understand the Church.

There will be some parts that may prick your soul and you may feel offended. Okay, come and talk to me about it. I have read this book several times and it is very good. The author Jan Lynn, a man and a minister who shares things about the Church that other ministers wish the people would or should know.

For pastors, telling the congregation about these different aspects is like, “How do we share this information?” His points are Scriptural, not some wacky thing. I will also be putting out other church related stuff that is sent to me.

On May 14-15 we will have a 24-hour prayer vigil asking people to pray for the direction of Grace. The signup sheet is in the church's Narthex. We hope that you will participate.

On May 15th, the 5th Sunday of Easter, we will be asking you to fill out a survey. This will give us your perspective on the church's ministry.

I want to wish all the mothers and women who are caretakers, a wonderful “Mother's Day.” Mothers take care of us, provide for us and guide us in life. We cannot say enough of what our mothers do for us. Thank you, Mom.

May 30th, we gather on Memorial Day at cemeteries and other places where there is military personal present. This day we remember the men and women who have given their lives to preserve this nation. They gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can live in this free nation to worship as we please, to have freedom of speech and the pursuit of happiness.

These are the freedoms that God has given to His people. These are the freedoms that are expressed in the Constitution which was written by our founding Fathers and the reason why the men and women in the military die so we can enjoy them.

Sincerely,

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)*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not published
on-line.

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Sent By

Peter Buchheit

Jackie Streb

Barbara Shufren

Jackie Streb

Ralph Detweiler

Barb & Art Steinhauer

Michael Smith

Barb & Art Steinhauer



Recycling

Last year 2021 we collected \$6,130.10 in can money. Keep saving your nickel cans and nickel plastic water & pop bottles! Leave them in the Social Hall by the pop machine for pick-up. Thank you!

Remember- "With God all things are possible!"

Your Can Committee,

Dave Swanson, Jim & Mary Paterniti and
Bruce Schuessler

**MAY SERVICE
SCHEDULE**

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READERS

Janell Dexter

PRAYERS

Michele Evers

ALTAR FLOWERS

Discerning the Times Bible Study meets every Thursday at 6:45pm in Grace's Fellowship Hall. If you have not had the chance to join us, we will be rereading Revelations.

Please visit Discerning the Times's new website to keep up with current events and how they effect us and the church.

<https://jimmachuga.wixsite.com/discerningthetimes>

click on the forum link in the top right of the page to see the posts.



If anyone has recent pictures of any Church related activities, please e-mail them to the Secretary at glmoffice@agraceplace.org. These will be used at the upcoming Senate Gathering.

Please remember our shut-ins:

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.

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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 in the manner you would like church secretary to print it.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil For Unity & Growth

Sat, May 21 9AM to Sun, May 22 9AM

Sign Up Sheet in the Lobby
Snacks provided
Grace Police on duty from 8PM to 8AM

Christmas in July 2022 VBS

(Tentative Date: July 18th – 22nd 6:00pm-8:00pm)

Volunteers Needed: 3 Group Leaders
2 each for Craft, Games,
Snack, Floaters and
Registration
1 Photographer

If you can help, please contact
Brandon Baney @ (814)363-7210
or Church Office @ (814)362-3244



Breakfast Club
Sunday mornings
in the CLC
8:00am – 9am



IMPORTANT

We are currently in need of a volunteer with a truck to take over the bottle/can recycling to Alleghany. A cargo net to secure the load will be donated. The recycling brings in roughly \$6,000.00 annually for our Ministry.



Parents & Grandparents of 2021-2022 Graduates

Are you the proud parent or grandparent of a high school or college senior? If so, we would like to include them in our June/July Newsletter featuring our graduates.

We need the student's name, school, future college or occupation and a picture if available. Please email the information to our secretary at glmoffice@agraceplace.org

Lions Club

NY/PA Corporate Cup Soccer Showcase is a not-for-profit corporation and this year they are holding the **6th annual NY/PA Corporate Cup Soccer Showcase Game** which highlights talented high school soccer players from both NY and PA. This year the games will be held on the campus of Bradford High School. The games will be played on Sunday, July 24th with 4 games held. There will be 2 Gold and 2 Silver teams of girls and boys. Silver team girls play @ 12 noon; Silver team boys play @ 2:30pm; Gold team girls play @ 5pm and Gold team boys play @ 7:30pm. The goal of this game is to use local businesses and clubs to advertise in our game day program and help support the players selected to the four teams. The money raised from these advertisements help defray the costs for Media Day, field rentals, gym rentals, insurance, uniforms, referees, and the cost to make the programs.

NY/PA Corporate Cup Soccer Showcase has invited College coaches to the game to watch our local talent showcase their skills both on and off the field of play. The goal for the players is to give them a chance to talk to colleges that may be interested in them attending their school based on grades, and ability.

Our intention for this letter is to have each Lions Club from surrounding areas, donate a minimum of \$50.00 towards the cost of uniforms, equipment etc. Your contribution will entitle your Club's name to appear in an ad with all the other Lions Clubs, wishing our Girls and Boys from NY and PA, the Best of Luck during these games.

If you are interested, checks may be made out to the **NY/PA Corporate Cup Soccer Showcase** (NYPACCSS) and sent to 1025 Delaware Avenue Olean, NY 14760. For more information please contact (716)-945-2122 (home), (716)-244-0450 (cell) or e-mail cstalbotct@aol.com.

The Pandemic has taken so much from our children these past years and I feel this is a way to give our Girls and Boys a chance to find some normalcy in their lives.

Thank you,
Lion Chuck Talbot—Olean Lions Club, President.



FYI

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is **Selene Machuga: 362-1236 or 598-0893.**

Destinations Noisy Can Collection is the last Sunday of every month, don't forget that extra change in your pocket!!

HOLY COMMUNION

Our church Beliefs is found on the back of our Bulletin.

Red wine is on the inside of our communion tray and White grape juice is on the outer rim.

Alternates to wafers are available by request.

For those who prefer not to climb stairs, communion will be offered in front of the pews.

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.

Council Meeting



The Church holds a monthly Council meeting on the second Tuesday of every month. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome to attend the monthly meetings! There is also a suggestion box in the Welcome Center.

Attention:

Atlantic BroadBand is becoming Breezeline.net soon. If you have a Church issued e-mail please let the Secretary know when your Breezeline.net e-mail works for you. You can test this out by sending an e-mail to yourself to the new e-mail address @breezeline.net. Once it works then you can ask the Church to update your e-mail address. Thank you!



Church Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday - 9:00am to 3:00pm

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Join Us For Worship!

Friday

6:30pm Crosswalk
Youth Worship at the CLC

Sunday

10:00am Blended

9:00am Family Education

*We're On
The Web!*

www.agraceplace.org

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Grace Lutheran Ministries

(Live Streaming Sundays 10am)

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Christian Preschool

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 4th

Deacon's Meeting @ 6pm

May 8th

Mother's Day

May 10th

Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

May 17th

McKean County Primary
Election Day

May 21st - May 22nd

24 Hour Prayer Vigil
9am-9am

May 30th

Memorial Day
Office and GWG Closed



The Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter is published monthly. 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: glmoffice@agraceplace.org or leave them in the church office.