

Class of 2023



Ryan Coffman will be graduating from Otto-Eldred High School. He is the son of David and Amy Coffman and the grandson of Bruce and Chris Schuessler. While in high school Ryan attended CTC (IU9 Career & Technical Center in Port Allegany) where he was in the Heavy Equipment Class. His plan after high school is to work in the heavy equipment field.





**A beautiful
committal
service was
held on
5/26/23 in
honor of
Arnold Evers
and
Ree Arnold.**



Pastor's Pause

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

June 2nd, is Holy Trinity Sunday. This is the only Sunday of the Church year that is named for a doctrine (a teaching). People ask how we can have 3 persons of God and yet there is only One God and not 3. Pastors try to explain this, but the Trinity is something we have to accept on faith. God is so much bigger and more awesome than we understand. O’ what an awesome God we have.

The true Gospel is more than the “first step in a staircase” of truths. It is better likened to the hub of a wheel, the central reality around which all of life is arranged. It is not a basic truth from which we move on to deeper truths, but is the central truth from which all other truth flows.

Whether you are just beginning to investigate Christianity or are a life-long follower of Christ, the Gospel is the one single thing you must grasp if your life is to be all God designed your life to be. Without the Gospel, life becomes distorted in many, many ways. With the Gospel, life is set to a path toward beauty and wholeness.

The hard news of the true Gospel is that the universe and everything in it is wearing down all the time, and we are more sinful and broken than we realize. The freeing news of the Gospel is that God, through the person and work of Jesus, plans to restore both the universe and his people to their original beauty and glory. Following are three big truths of the Gospel — truths that are foundational for all other teaching about faith and life.

The core truth of the Gospel is that through Jesus, the love and power of God have entered history to make all things new. This renewal includes the hearts of people, but also much more. God intends to renew the entire universe.

He will restore people, places, and things to their original, ‘very good’ condition as described in Genesis 3. The Bible tells us the world is not the way it is supposed to be. Because of this, people and creation itself groan in anticipation of all things being made new again—restored to their original beauty and wholeness before sin entered the world. (Romans 8:18-25; Revelation 21:1-5)

What does this mean? It means that life in the present world can include seasons of joy and splendor (a satisfying friendship or romance, a new car, straight A’s, an athletic victory, a delicious meal, beautiful music, etc.). But there is also much of life that is broken and difficult (frustration in work, pain in relationships, financial strain, sickness, death). In spite of the fact that all things eventually break down, even in the worst of circumstances, those who live inside the Gospel can also live with hope. (2 Corinthians 4:7-18, 12:7-10) Though things aren’t perfect now, it will all be made right when God renews all things.

There is also room for a kind of redemptive discontent for those who believe the Gospel. Think of the last improvement project you set out to complete (remodeling a kitchen, dusting off furniture, weeding a lawn, strengthening a relationship, healing an illness, getting a haircut, editing an essay, etc.). Both the frustration you felt before the work was done (this isn’t how it’s supposed to be ... it could be so much better!) and the sense of satisfaction you felt when the project was completed, are glimpses of God’s image working in and through you. He is a God who eagerly desires, as the rock band U2 sings, to “make beauty out of ugly things.”

*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)*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not
published online

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Nancy Allen

Betty Wheaton

Richard Morrison

Joseph Barrile

Duane Tann

Dolores Myers

Pete Whelan

Sent By

Barbara Johnson

Mary Winner

Jim & Marsha Shannon

Mary Lynne Berlin

Jim & Elsie Hunt & Family

Dave & Cheryl Sheneman

Jim & Mary Paterniti

Ken & Karen Rakieski

Wally & Vicki Sander

Bruce & Debbie Sharro

Barb & Art Steinhauer

Jackie Streb

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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**JUNE SERVICE
SCHEDULE
CHURCH COUNTERS**

Mary & Jim Paterniti

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Jackie Streb

Kristen Langianese

READERS

Sue Williams

PRAYERS

Michele Evers

**JULY SERVICE
SCHEDULE
CHURCH COUNTERS**

Ted & Robyn Hardy

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Vicki Sander

Mary Thompson

READERS

Gayle Gallmann

PRAYERS

Jerry Craver

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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Judy Signor
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Sandy Reese
Bradford Manor
50 Langmaid Ln.
Bradford, PA 16701

Debbie Kelly
The Pavilion at BRMC
200 Pleasant St.
Bradford, PA

Donna Lannen
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Charlotte Reinhardt
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Gifts of Grace Gift Card Program
(to Benefit Growing with Grace Preschool)

Order with payment must be
Submitted by noon on the
FIRST Sunday of each month.

NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER

JUNE 4th & JULY 2nd, 2023

**New participants: Tops Friendly
Markets and Big Lots!**

Questions? See Jackie Streb

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 the Church Office at 362-3244.

We are in need of volunteers willing to open and close the Community Life Center on the weekends when there is a rental. If you would be interested please contact Pastor Bill, Al Dexter or Alexandra Hood.

A huge thank you goes out to Jim Roggenbaum & Mike Verbocy (and anyone else who may have helped!) from GWG for getting the projector to work!!

FYI

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

Council Meeting

Church Council meeting is **TUESDAY, JUNE 13th & JULY 11th** at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome!

RECYCLING: Keep saving your nickel cans and nickel plastic bottles! Please leave them in the Social Hall for pick-up. Thank you!
Remember: “With God all things are possible.”



Adult Bible Study: Held every Sunday at 5pm. All are welcome to attend. If you are in need of a Bible please let us know! Cancelled for the month of June.



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.

Weekly and Monthly Giving

Malachi 3:10 “Bring the whole tithe into the storeroom, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” God has asked us to bring our gifts and tithes to him. This is something that we must pray about and trust in God for guidance. Sometimes we feel we do not have the means to give boldly, but God promised to bless us boldly for this.

We at Grace are trying to make this convenient for you by using a simple way to give (weekly or monthly) to Grace.

Some of us have set up giving through our banks Bill Pay. This is easy to set up online and can be automatic or you can do it each time yourself.

You can also set up to have it taken out of your credit card. If there is interest in this, we can get you a form to do this. Call the office to get the form. (Keelan has them)

If you use PayPal your donation can be set up through that.

Remember with PayPal a small fee will be charged (taken off your donation).

We will continue passing the plate on Sundays, we are just trying to make things more convenient for you. May God bless you and watch over you in this matter and in all things. Remember, you can’t out give God and with God all things are possible.

\$3342.63

HAPPY 100TH ANNIVERSARY GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Faith in Our Father, Faith in the Future”

THANK YOU, LORD, for YOUR GRACE!

Sunday, April 28, 2024 Grace will be honoring our 100th Anniversary with a celebration service. Pastor Bill will conduct the service, with District President, Reverend John Pringle, providing the message. A catered dinner is planned for Saturday, April 27, 2024 and this is what YOUR DONATIONS are being raised for.

The 100th Anniversary Team has also reached out to past pastors to return in 2024 to deliver a Sunday message. Pastor Seth Kunze is scheduled to return Sunday, May 19, 2024. Pastor Eddie Scheler plans to return sometime between Labor Day and before the snow flies 2024, and Pastor John Shubert will be returning in September/October 2024. Depending on the amount of money raised, we would like to give a humble honorary monetary gift to each pastor's church in respect of allowing their pastors to come back to Grace to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary.

To date, the 100th Anniversary Team, lead by Kay Wheaton, has successfully raised \$3342.63. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you that have participated in this financial effort including those that have baked goods, made soups, donated monetarily, and those that have participated in the fund-raising events by buying raffle tickets, attended the soup luncheon, and purchased baked goods. This is not possible without ALL OF US!!

Kathie Holden, a long-time member of Grace, who now resides in Florida with her husband Vern and their son, has graciously made and donated a queen size quilt that will soon be on display in the Welcome Center with a raffle beginning come August or September. It is absolutely beautiful! Keep your eyes peeled for this up-coming event.

Commemorative 100th Anniversary lighters are also being sold for \$25 each and can be obtained through Jim and Dana DiBlasi.

If anyone has questions regarding the 100th Anniversary event, please do not hesitate to reach out to Stacia Roggenbaum, Mike Krakat, Kay Wheaton, Barb Steinhauer, Dana or Jim DiBlasi. or Dave Sheneman.



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Join Us For Worship!

Sunday
10:00am Blended

9:00am Family Education

4:00pm Adult Bible Study

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The Web!*

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Grace Lutheran Ministries

(Live Streaming Sundays 10am)

*Growing with Grace
Christian Preschool*

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 7th, July 5th
Deacon's Meeting 6pm

June 13th, July 11th
Council Meeting 6:30pm

June 18th
Father's Day

July 4th
Independence Day

June 4th, July 2nd
Gift card orders due



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