

RECYCLING TEAM

Dumpster Diving
Dave
& Scout Mandy



Trucker Ken Rakieski
& Trucker Roggenbaum



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.

Mary Paterniti, Financial Secretary

Pastor's Pause

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

May has sprung. What a wonderful time of the year this is! School is almost out and graduations are happening. The trees are budding, we hear the birds chirping and see the rabbits hopping. It's as though nature is coming to life again.

I am hoping to get all of my garden planted before too long. I'm not too hip on the preparation and having to deal with weeds and slugs. (We never had many slugs in Nebraska, though we did have to deal with grasshoppers. Thank goodness in Pennsylvania we don't have to deal too much with grasshoppers.)

What am I going to plant? I am going to plant some tomatoes, potatoes, beans, peas, squash and a few other vegetables. I am praying for rain at the right time and for sun (what a paradox). I am hoping that my plants will produce and we will have a plentiful harvest. Stay tune for the September report.

This month we celebrate our mothers. None of us would be here if it were not for our mothers - duh. Mothers are a gift that God has given to each and every one of us.

Mothers fed us, clothed us and changed us when we were but infants. They picked us up, kissed our boobos, put our scribbled pictures on the refrigerator and began to show us right from wrong when we were toddlers. They brought us to Sunday School and church, taught us the alphabet, taught us the importance of picking up after ourselves and enjoyed most of the things that we brought to show her when we were a young child.

Mothers helped us with our school work, took us to our games and tried to help us understand the significance of money when we were but a youth. As teenagers they began to give us more freedom, responsibilities and shared their wisdom. As young and middle age adults their relationship with us was no less significant. What a wonderful gift mothers are to us.

I hope that we all remember our mothers on Mother's Day and all year through. Mother's Day is May 14th. Take a little extra time to be an encouragement to her, because sometimes being a mother is a thankless job. We don't know how much they mean to us until we lose them.

On May 28th, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. This is the birthday of the Holy Christian Church. It is the body of Christ here on earth. We are all a part of the church which I preached on, on April 23rd. It is the laity who are the ears, the eyes, the mouth, the hands and the feet of the church. St. Peter wrote in 1 Peter 2:9-10, “**YOU** are a royal priesthood; **YOU** are the body of Christ.”

Jesus taught His disciples to teach others to be disciples and He said in Matthew 28¹⁹ “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

We can read through the book of Acts and the New Testament how the “body of Christ” should function. Are you doing your part of ministry in the Church? Remember, God put you where you are for a purpose — are you fulfilling your purpose? One of our purposes is to worship God; the other is to do our part in the ministry of His body.

Memorial Day is May 28th. I hope that instead of just celebrating a longer weekend, we stop, ponder and support our military people for their service and our freedom. They have given so much so that we can have so much. Go to the parades and the different military happenings to show your support and thankfulness.

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)*

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not published online.

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Sent By



We proudly announce the

Pre-K graduation of

ADELE KUHN, LEO

MARASCO, CALEB

POE &

VINNY ZIMBARDI



from GROWING WITH

GRACE CHRISTIAN

PRESCHOOL



Graduation will take

place at:

Grace Lutheran Church

Sanctuary

on June 2nd at 9:00am

(Slideshow at 8:45am)



MAY SERVICE

SCHEDULE

CHURCH COUNTERS

Jackie Streb
Kathy Verbocy

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Kathy Verbocy
Wendy Wright

READERS

Janelle Dexter

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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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, 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.

Breakfast Club & Discerning the Times have been canceled until further notice.

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, MAY 9th** 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."



The Women's Bible Study Women's Bible Study will be meeting May 11th at 10:30am and May 25th at 10:30 AM in the Social Hall for brunch. We welcome women of our church and community. For any questions, please call

Vicki Sander (814) 465-3137 or Laura Keesler (814) 465-9388. We look forward to seeing you! Have a safe and happy summer!



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!



If you know of any graduates this year and would like us to do a small write up of them just e-mail glmoffice@agraceplace.org with their name, information, what college they will be attending and any further information you would like us to add, along with a picture!

YOU ARE INVITED!!!!

SOUP LUNCHEON



WHAT: Soup, Bread, Crackers, Dessert, Drinks, Fellowship

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church in the CLC

WHEN: Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 11am-1pm
or until soup is gone!

COST: \$8/Person



**TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE DAY!!!
MAY 27TH
(SATURDAY 8AM-2PM)**



One man's trash is another man's treasure!

The Community Life Center of Grace (CLC) will be participating in the Annual Town-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 27th.

The proceeds will go towards an Eagle Scout project that will be providing a gaga pit for the CLC grounds! The gaga pit will be a great way to get kids who are walking by interested in coming to the CLC.

You can be part of Garage Sale Day in one of 5 ways:

1. Rent your own table (\$10 per table), sell your own items, and YOU keep all your proceeds.
2. Bring your "stuff" for the church to sell, and WE keep the proceeds
3. Bake "goodies" for the Bake Sale Table.
4. Come and HELP as a volunteer!!!! Sign-up sheet will be available in the Welcome Area of the Church during the month of May.
5. Pray for us!



Drop - off Weeks:

Tuesday, May 16th - Friday, May 19th
Tuesday, May 22nd - Friday, May 26th
between 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm
at The Community Life Center

*If you can not make a drop-off during the above times, please contact **Alexandra Hood** at (814) 331-0366 (text or call) or by email at **CLCdirector@agraceplace.org** to make a drop-off appointment. Thank You!!!!



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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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CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 3rd

Deacon's Meeting 6pm

May 4th

National Day of Prayer

May 9th

Council Meeting 6:30pm

May 11th, 25th

Women's Bible Study 10:30am

May 13th

Food Auction

May 16th

100th Anniversary Luncheon

May 27th

Town-wide yard sale

May 29th

Memorial Day



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