



Wednesday  
**Chapel Time**  
with GwG



# PASTOR'S PAUSE

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

October is upon us and we feel the warmth leaving and the cold coming in. This is the time we start to winterize the house. In the gardening world this is a time to get everything out of the garden and maybe prepare it for next year. For the farmer this is the end of the bean and the beginning of the corn harvest.

October is seen as the harvest month; we see what we call the harvest moon which is big and orange in color and there are harvest festivals across the nation. Then we read John 4:35 "Don't you have a saying, 'It's still 4 months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

Jesus wants to use us to share the gospel message with others and what a time to do this. Families have already taken their vacations and the kids are back in school. And Fall school brings about what? Football, volley ball, marching bands and indoor events. Space-wise, we are closer together and what a better opportunity than to share God's grace and invite people to church.

Inviting people to church is not a time to be timid. As you have a conversation with others where you have gathered, a sporting event or musical event, just causally invite those people to church if they are not going to church. Sometimes people will say that they belong to a church; ask them are they going and if not encourage them to go to their church or invite them to ours. Greet them at the door so that they don't feel awkward coming to a strange church.

At the end of October kids think of one event: Halloween. Yes, Halloween is a time to dress up in fun customs and go door to door or a gathering to get as much candy as one can get. That night and the next day the kiddies will be drunk with a sugar high and will be climbing the walls like a cat.

October 31<sup>st</sup> the Lutheran Church and a few others celebrate Reformation Sunday. When there is one entity, or lack of a better word, a big conglomerate, there is always a chance for corruption to seep into it. That is what happened to the Catholic Church decades ago. Catholic comes from the Greek word that means "universal."

There was corruption in the Church for centuries: wealthy men bought positions in the church hierarchy and the clergy made people pay for penitence. Abuses such as the sale of indulgences (or spiritual privileges) and other charges undermined the church's spiritual authority. This money would go into individual church leaders' pockets and they would live like princes or it would be used to build cathedrals. These are just a few of the disillusionments with the church.

We credit Martin Luther as being the great reformer and he was, but there were other great men who tried to reform the Church before Martin Luther: Peter Waldo (c.1140-c.1205) John Wycliffe (ca. 1320-1384) and Jan Hus (1369-1415) Cardinal Giles of Viterbo, 1512 said, "Man must be changed by religion, not religion by man." Wessel Harmensz Gansfort (1419-1489) Cardinal Francisco Ximenes de Cisneros (1436-1517) and Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536).

Luther was able to make such a great impact because of the Gothenburg Printing Press. This enabled Luther's writings to be printed in large quantities and throughout the region. All of the other reformers had to depend on scribes to get their writings circulated.

Halloween is a derivative of "All Helos Eve." It is a day before a holy day that we in the Church call "All Saints Day." "All Saints Day" is always the first of November and we, people on earth, recognize our connection with God-fearing people who are now no longer with us, but we are with God in heaven.

We don't think a lot about our connection with the saints in heaven. When followers of God die, we say they are in heaven and we are here on earth (we are separated from one another). In God's creation and being a part of the spiritual world, we are connected. We on earth are called the Church militant and those who have died in the Lord are called the Church triumphant.

There it is, more than you wanted to know and then some.

Pastor Bill

## NEWS

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

I wanted to let you know why Bert and I haven't been to church for over a month. The first weekend in August, Bert went to the ER because her leg was swollen and extremely painful. She was diagnosed with cellulitis and hospitalized for a few days. Since then I know she has continued to have pain in her leg and trouble walking. I have only spoken to her twice. Lately, when I call, there is no answer and she does not have her answering machine on. Her doorbell does not work either, so she doesn't hear when someone is knocking. So, I don't know exactly what is going on. Hopefully she is staying at her son's house.

Three years ago, Bert and I decided to visit Grace Lutheran Church to say hello to Pastor Bill. He had been a pastor at our church in Kane, prior to coming to Bradford. Pastor Bill and his family were on vacation, so we returned the next week and the next week until he returned! By then, we both had fallen in love with Grace Lutheran Church! We enjoyed the music, the beauty of the church, and the warmth and hospitality of the congregation! You are the perfect example of what church is all about! We felt welcomed from day 1, and continued to attend for 3 years!

With the possibility of Bert not being about to return to services, I will go back to attending Tabor Lutheran Church, which has been my family's church for many years. I will miss all of you! But I won't miss the drive! I will see you sometime again in the future for a visit. God Bless all of you!

With love,  
Cindy Lorenzo



*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)*

**OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

Birthdays not published  
on-line.

**MEMORIALS**

**In Memory Of**

Steve Lundsten  
Dr. Kurt Laemmer  
Robert Moonan  
Mandy Swanson  
Mandy Swanson  
Chad Willoughby  
Mary Winner  
Mary Winner  
Mary Winner  
Ruth Masciori  
Roseanne Giorano  
Betty Wheaton

**Sent By**

Art & Barb Steinhauer  
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Jackie Streb  
Jackie Streb  
Bear and Cooper Krakat  
Jackie Streb  
Rick & Kay Wheaton  
Jackie Streb  
Dave & Cheryl Sheneman  
Rick & Kay Wheaton  
Wally & Vicki Sander  
Jackie Streb



**OCTOBER SERVICE  
SCHEDULE**

**CHURCH  
COUNTERS**

Jackie Streb  
Kathy Verbocy

**ALTAR  
COMMITTEE**

Stacia Roggenbaum  
Karen Rakieski

**READERS**

Mary Paterniti

**PRAYERS**

Michele Evers

**The Women's Bible Study Group**

will be meeting on October 12th & 26th at  
10:30 AM in the church social hall.

Meetings will continue on the second and  
fourth Thursdays each month. Members  
are not limited to members of Grace. We  
are focusing on the book of Daniel –  
Spiritual Living in a Secular World. If  
there are any questions, please call  
Vicki Sander 814-465-3137 or  
Laura Keesler 814-465-9388.

**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.

**Marsha Denning**  
354 Interstate Pkwy.  
Bradford, PA 16701  
814-596-7250  
814-596-3439

**Judy Signor**  
28 Brookline Ct  
Bradford, PA 16701  
814-779-1066

**Sandy Reese**  
Bradford Manor  
50 Langmaid Ln.  
Bradford, PA 16701

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

**Donna Lannen**  
The Pavilion  
200 Pleasant St.  
Bradford, PA 16701

**Charlotte Reinhardt**  
230 Rutherford Run  
Bradford, PA 16701

**Ray Eidson**  
100 St. Francis Dr.  
Apt. 107  
397-0165

**Betty Jean Austin**  
100 St. Francis Drive  
Bradford, PA 16701

**Rose Hager**  
144 Davis St., Apt 2  
Bradford, PA 16701  
814-368-8456

**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**

**Oct. 1st & Nov. 5th, 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.

## **FYI**

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is the **Church Secretary: 362-3244.**

## **Council Meeting**

Church Council meeting is at 6:30pm **October 10th** 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!



## **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.

# CLC NEWS

CLC Grace Lutheran Presents

## TRUNK OR TREAT



Candy, Free Food, Hot Cocoa, Games

**6-8**

PM

Grace Lutheran  
Parking Lot  
79 Mechanic St  
Bradford, PA 16701

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October

To Volunteer, Contact [clcdirector@agraceplace.com](mailto:clcdirector@agraceplace.com),  
[clcassistant@agraceplace.com](mailto:clcassistant@agraceplace.com), or call 814-362-3244





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**Community Life Center  
(814) 362-1236**

**Growing with Grace  
Christian Preschool  
(814) 362-(GROW) 4769**

**glmoffice@agraceplace.org  
www.agraceplace.org**

**Join Us For Worship!**

**Sunday  
10:00am Blended**

**9:00am Family Education**

**4:00pm Adult Bible Study**

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

**Oct. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th  
Bible Study 5pm**

**Oct. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th  
Deep Roots 5pm**

**Oct. 4th  
Deacon's Meeting 6pm**

**Oct. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th  
Discerning the Times 6:45pm**

**Oct. 9th  
Columbus Day**

**Oct. 10th  
Council Meeting 6:30pm**

**Oct. 12th, 26th  
Women's Bible Study 10:30am**

**Oct 21st  
Food Auction  
24-Hour Prayer Vigil**

**Oct. 31st  
Halloween  
Trunk or Treat 6pm-8pm**



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The Web!***

***www.agraceplace.org***

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***Grace Lutheran Ministries***

***(Live Streaming Sundays 10am)***

***Growing with Grace***

***Christian Preschool***

***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](mailto:glmoffice@agraceplace.org) or leave them in the church***