



BAKED FOOD SALE

November 12th, 2023

To benefit the 100th Anniversary
Please bring your favorite
baked goods and enjoy!



Wednesday
Chapel Time
with GWG



PASTOR'S PAUSE

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is the 11th month of the 11th hour. For such a time as this God has brought us to this point. Now you may ask, "For such a time as what?" Have you ever pondered what God is doing in your life and why you are at the spot where you are at right now? I could have been born in Europe or South America, China, the Middle East, why here?

These questions are philosophical, now for the practical. Are you living your life in the best way possible? Are you focused on yourself, others or God? Now when I bring God into the picture, we become quite pious. How or what were you doing before this newsletter? God needs to be at the forefront of our lives. Our lives should reflect the presence of Christ in us. Is that happening?

Currently, there are many wicked and evil things happening around the world and especially around Israel. Are the attacks and countries involved a part of biblical prophecy that we read about in Psalms 83, Ezekiel 38-39, and Revelations? Not sure. In some aspects it appears so and in others maybe not so much.

The one thing that we know for sure is that the Day of the Lord is drawing closer and closer. We are living in His-story. No matter what we may say or do, we are living in the world that God created and is present in. What are we doing about it? Are we sharing the message of Christ with others? I am not saying to be preachy which can turn people off, but share your blessings and experiences in Christ and what He is doing in your life.

Are you inviting people to church? "Oh, they won't come; they know where I go to church". Have you asked them; are you sure? Who knows, this may be the time when they will take you up on your invitation.

I want to challenge you; yes, you who are reading or listening this. Invite, encourage, reach out and bring people to church. We cannot wait. There are people who do not know their left from their right when it comes to biblical and eternal life matters.

What is our purpose for gathering together? To hear God speaking to us through His Word; to worship the One True Ultimate Being who is worthy of our praise and adoration — this is why we celebrate Thanksgiving. We set a time aside each year to purposely focus on giving God thanks for the many wonderful blessings and gifts He has given us.

For many people, this is a time to shop, shop, shop. Before Thanksgiving is over, yes even before Halloween has been celebrated stores have their "Christmas items and slogans" up. When Sheryl and I lived in Minnesota, we decided to go to the Mall of America one December weekend. We saw mobs of people swarming around. It reminded me of a shark feeding frenzy.

In many ways our consumerism society is trying hard to turn the celebration of Thanksgiving into another consumer event. Is nothing sacred? Now, in and of itself shopping is not bad, but let us set our priorities first on God. Why can't we stop and ponder the blessings we have received? Why can't we just set time aside to thank God for watching over and blessing us?

I still remember a reporter awhile back asking the "man" on the street what Thanksgiving was about. Their answers threw me for a loop. Here are some of their replies: "I thank my country for giving me free food. I am thankful that I have money to do what I want. I thank myself for doing things that I enjoy doing."

The bottom line is that they should know Whom to be thankful to and they don't. The reporter tried to give them hints and suggestions and they just didn't get it.

May we as the Church, as the body of Christ, stop and reflect on what we have received from God. For those who have gone through difficult times this year, know that God has not left or deserted you. As Scripture says, He is closer than a sibling.

God blessings,
Pastor Bill

NEWS

Growing with Grace Christian Preschool Oct./Nov. Update



GWG has been busy! WE EARNED OUR STAR 4 RATING (OUT OF 4) for the quality of our Education Program. We are judged every three years on all aspects of our school (health/safety/curriculum/assessments/policies & procedures/family involvement & engagement/facility/ teaching qualifications and education).

We have had a successful Scholastic Book Fair and have raised over \$300.00 in free books for our program due to sales and donations! Our families came to our Literacy Event “Books and Breakfast” where we exhibit the importance of family involvement and reading to the overall success of children.



Jr. Preschool Class learning about apples and making snack! School Age playing in the gym.



Pictured: Pumpkin exploration/ "Jack & Jill went up the hill"/Fossil dig/Toddler Sensory Bags.



In November, we will begin our Reverse Advent Calender mission project. From November 3rd to December 8th, we will be collecting items to deliver to the Friendship Table. A Calander will be posted over our GWG table if you would like to participate!

*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)*

**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Birthdays not published
on-line.



MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Shirley Presher

Mary Winner

Jennie Lee Spry Thomas

Sent By

Charlotte Reinhardt
Bruce & Chris Schuessler
James & Sharon Long
Dave & Jan Swanson
Jim & Selene Machuga
Ken & Karen Rakieski
Jackie Streb
Willie Presher

Sarah Lanier

Willie Presher



**NOVEMBER SERVICE
SCHEDULE**

**CHURCH
COUNTERS**

Al & Amy Dexter

**ALTAR
COMMITTEE**

Jackie Streb
Kristen Langianese

READERS

Amy Dexter

PRAYERS

Dana DiBlasi

The Women's Bible Study Group

will be meeting on November 9th & 30th
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. It
shows us how Daniel's example can
support and guide us in the unrest we face
today. 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.

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814-596-3439

Judy Signor
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Bradford, PA 16701
814-779-1066

Sandy Reese
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50 Langmaid Ln.
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Debbie Kelly
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200 Pleasant St.
Bradford, PA

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Bradford, PA 16701

Charlotte Reinhardt
230 Rutherford Run
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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

November 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 on Nov. 14th** 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.

I will thank the Lord with all my heart as I meet with His godly people.

How amazing are the deeds of the Lord!

All who delight in Him should ponder them.

Everything He does reveals His glory and majesty.

His Righteousness never fails.

He causes us to remember His wonderful works.

How gracious and merciful is our Lord!

He gives food to those who fear Him; He always remembers His covenant.

He has shown His great power to His people by giving them the lands of other nations.

All He does is just and good, and all His commandments are trustworthy.

They are forever true, to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity.

He paid a fell ransom for His people.

He has guaranteed His covenant with them forever.

What a holy, awe-inspiring name He has!

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom.

All who obey His commandments will grow in wisdom.

Praise Him forever!

IN THE RECENT MONTHS, WE HAVE SEEN A GROWING NUMBER OF NEIGHBORS WITHOUT ACCESS TO SHELTER. WE HAVE COMPILED A LIST OF ITEMS TO CONSIDER DONATING TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

DESTINATIONS BRADFORD INVITES YOU

HELP THE HOMELESS.

STAPLES FOR THE UNSHELTERED NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

CANNED MEAT, CANNED FRUITS OR VEGETABLES, BOTTLED WATER/JUICE, GRANOLA BARS, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, APPLE SAUCE, NUTS, TRAIL MIX

TOILETRIES

SOAP, SHAMPOO, TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE, DEODERANT, TISSUES, TOILET PAPER, FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, CHAPSTICK

FIRST AID ITEMS

BANDAIDS, ANTI-BACTERIAL WIPES, TYLENOL/ADVIL, GAUZE BANDAGE

CLEANING ITEMS

LAUNDRY SOAP, DISH SOAP, LYSOL WIPES, HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS

MISCELLANEOUS

ZIPLOCK BAGS, FLASHLIGHT, CAN OPENER, PLASTIC UTENSILS, PAPER PLATES

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

10 AM - 2 PM

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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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(Live Streaming Sundays 10am)

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

November 1st

Deacon's Meeting 7pm

November 9th & 30th

Women's Bible Study 10:30am

November 11th

Lion's Club BINGO

November 12th

Baked Food Sale

November 14th

Council Meeting 6:30pm

November 23rd

Thanksgiving

November 23rd & November

24th

Office 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