



Pastor's Pause

One Vote Matters

100 years! 100 years of Grace! 100 years of God's faithfulness and steadfast love!

As the day was winding down from our celebration, what echoed in my heart was "One vote!"

Sometimes, in the rush of life and in the midst of so many voices, we might doubt that our voice, our vote would matter. Consider for a moment however these facts;

- In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control over England.
- In 1649, one vote caused Charles I to be beheaded.
- In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German.
- In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from being removed from office.
- In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford Hayes the Presidency of the USA.
- In 1923, one vote gave Adolf Hitler the leadership of the Nazi Party.
- In 1975, one vote kept the doors and ministry of Grace Lutheran Church open!

One single vote or choice makes a difference that can change history. Look at the people in the Bible who had only one vote or one choice to offer and yet their voice, their influence affects us even today;

- Adam's vote or choice brought death into the world.
- Noah's vote to obey God and build the ark against all human reasoning, saved the human race.
- Moses' vote to obey God and return to Egypt, freed his people.
- Jesus' choice to submit to His Father's will and become man, saved the world.

We tend to believe that groups change the world, but throughout history it has always been individuals who make the difference. There comes a critical point in our lives when one must cast a deciding vote on what they would do or let others do; what they would say or allow to be said. No matter who or where, it usually comes down to a deciding vote, a moment when we must stand for what we believe is right and the will of our Father. So it was in 1975, when Grace Lutheran faced the decision, shall we close our doors or take the risk and move forward.

I am not sure who cast the deciding vote. Honestly, I hope I never find out. Why? Because, today - 49 years later - each of us make that decision each and every day. We cast our vote each day to support the ministries of Grace Lutheran....

... in our prayers

... in our involvement in the ministries with the gifts and time, given to us by the Spirit.

... in our presence in worship, that not only honors our Father but encourages one another

... in our faithful giving of the resources and treasures He has given us

In each of these, we make a choice, a vote on a daily basis that we believe God has led Grace Lutheran Church to be in this community. In each of these, we cast a vote that it is God's will for us to be a blessing to Bradford and a vessel of Grace to the lost, the last and the least.

Just as in 1975 when one vote made the difference, it is the same today. Your vote, your choice to offer yourself to the work of the Spirit, makes a difference. Grace Lutheran is not a building. Grace Lutheran is the House of our Father and we are the stones that are built on the cornerstone of Jesus. "You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Christ." (I Peter 2:5)

In Jesus

Pastor Barry

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DIRECTORY

100th Anniversary Directory

Thank you to all who contributed to the Anniversary Directory. If you desire a copy, there are 3 options

1)email copy to you – FREE

2) B&W copy for \$3.00

3) Color copy for \$6.00.

There will be a signup sheet if you desire a copy in the back of the sanctuary. You will need to pay for your copy before we print.

The Directory will not be posted on the web.

**If you have any questions, please ask:
Lynda Krakat or Tricia Coppersmith, our secretary.**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

100th Anniversary

Directory



1924-2024

**If you would like to be added to the Directory please let
Lynda Krakat or Tricia Coppersmith know.**

*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



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

MAY 5th, 2024

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



Questions? See Jackie Streb



MAY SERVICE
SCHEDULE

CHURCH
COUNTERS

Kathy Verbocy
Jackie Streb

ALTAR
COMMITTEE

Jim & Dana DiBlasi

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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Bradford, PA 16701
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814-596-3439

Judy Signor
28 Brookline Ct
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The Pavilion at BRMC
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100 St. Francis Drive
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144 Davis St., Apt 2
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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 will be at 6:30pm **May 14th, 2024** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome!

Deacon's Meeting

The next Deacon's meeting will be at 6:00pm **May 1st, 2024** in the Social Hall.

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 total raised for 2023 was **\$5,144.63.**



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.

The Women's Bible Study Group

Our Bible Study on "Daniel - Spiritual Living in a Secular World" will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays -

May 9th, and May 23rd at 10:30 am. We will be completing our study on Daniel and will resume meeting in September. Please join us and bring a friend! We still

have more to learn about the prophet Daniel - his recognition of God and His sovereignty, the importance of prayer, his faithfulness as a servant of God and comfort in knowing God is in control and His kingdom will prevail.

If there are any questions, please call

Vicki Sander 814-465-3137 or



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Join Us For Worship!

**Sunday
10:00am Blended**

9:00am Family Education

***We're On
The Web!***

www.agraceplace.org

Like us on Facebook:

Grace Lutheran Ministries

(Live Streaming Sundays 10am)

Growing with Grace

Christian Preschool

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

**May 1st
Deacon's Meeting 6pm**

**May 3rd
Set-up for 100th Anniversary
Celebration**

**May 4th
100th Anniversary Celebration
In CLC**

**May 5th
100th Anniversary Worship Service**

**May 11th
YMCA Benefit @ CLC
Purse Bingo @ Social Hall**

**May 14th
Council Meeting 6:30pm**

**May 24th
Youth Ministry @ CLC 6pm**

**May 27th
Memorial Day**

**May 30th
Last Day of School**

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