

FEBRUARY Grace

WE ARE SAVED BY
FAITH ALONE
IN JESUS CHRIST

HIS PERSON

HIS WORK

NONE MORE

NONE ELSE



“FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED
THROUGH FAITH. AND THIS IS NOT
YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF
GOD, **NOT A RESULT OF WORKS,** SO THAT
NO ONE MAY BOAST.”

- EPHESIANS 2:8-9 -

Pondering Along The Way

Who Knows What the Future Holds?
Grace Lutheran

The New Year is one month old. Looking ahead, what does the New Year hold for you and your family? What does the New Year hold for our Family, here at Grace? What does the New Year hold for our world?

We live in uncertain times. We live in unsteady times. Yet, we are able to enter this New Year, saying with the Psalmist;

God is our refuge and strength,
And ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way
And the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging. *Selah!*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where
the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
(Psalm 46:1-5)

Many will cry out in fear and anxiety, saying; “Who knows what the future holds?”
But, how are we to respond to this cry?

As believers, we are able to say; “We need not fear what the future holds, for we
know who holds the future!”

In the midst of wars among nations and violence on our streets! In the midst of
stock markets rising and falling and inflation hitting our wallets! We are able, as

children of our dear Abba Father, live in hope. For, we know who holds the future -
Our Father, Almighty who created the heavens and the earth.

Did you notice that at the end of verse 3, there is the word “Selah!” It is a word that
indicates a pause in music. Selah also beckons us to pause and ponder what it
means to “Be still and know that I am God.” He is God! He is in control! Pause and
ponder what this means for your life in 2025.

In the season of Advent, we lit the candle of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. In doing
so, we gave a declaration of faith, that the darkness of this world cannot and will
not extinguish the hope, peace, joy and love that are found in the light of Jesus.

There is a quote that I have loved for years. I am unable to track down the author,
but it offers guidance in the journey ahead;

“We may not know how the road bends or where it bends in the few months, years
or generations. But, we already know where the road ends and the message that
the journey sends”

May it be so with you and those you love in the New Year before us!

Pastor Barry

MEMORIALS

Ever wonder how to provide a memorial to Grace in memory of that special person. There's two ways.

1. The old-fashioned way – providing donation in form of check or cash. There's a memorial form (copies available by safe). Just fill out the form and put in an envelope (also available by safe) and write MEMORIAL on front of envelope. The envelope will be provided to the person doing memorials, currently Stacia Roggenbaum. A memorial card is sent to the family by Stacia and the funds are provided to the counters to be recorded. The counters record the memorial donation and funds are deposited. Finally, if the person is a member of Grace the Financial Secretary will record it into the financial software for the donor's annual giving statement. If you mail a memorial, indicate who the memorial is for and who you would like the memorial card sent to and of course who you are.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMORIALS
79 Mechanic Street, Bradford, PA 16701

In Memory of _____ *Amount:* _____
Send memorial card to: _____
Address: _____

From: _____
Address: _____

2. The modern technology way using PayPal. On our website agraceplace.org under Give you can make a donation/memorial. You can use PayPal or Debit or Credit Card. Under special instructions you would enter who the memorial is for and who you would like the memorial card to be sent. There is no real details under special instructions but if you fill the remainder of the data and accidentally leave this information off someone can reach out to person making memorial/donation. **Note PayPal takes a small portion of the donation.** When the Treasurer/Bookkeeper receives the email that there was a donation they will print out the information from PayPal and the funds will be transferred to Grace's bank account. The person doing memorials will be provided with information in the memorial donation and send out the memorial card to the family. If the person making the donation is a member of Grace, the donation will be recorded by the Financial Secretary into the financial software for the donor's annual giving statement.



*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)*

**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

Birthdays
not published
on-line

MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Sent By

Dave Swanson

Mahailie Cox
Charlotte Reinhardt

Andrew Dzirkalis

Janice Swanson

Paulette Little

Jackie Streb



FEBRUARY SERVICE

SCHEDULE

**CHURCH
COUNTERS**

Jim & Stacia
Roggenbaum

**ALTAR
COMMITTEE**

Wendy Wright
Kathy Verbocy

READER
Gayle Gallmann

PRAYERS

Vicki Sander



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



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

NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER

FEB. 2nd, 2025

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

Questions? See Jackie Streb



Altar Flowers



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 814-362-3244.

FYI

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is **Brenda Alviti: 814-558-1829.**

Council Meeting

Church Council meeting will be at 6:30pm **February 11th, 2025** in the church social hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome!

Deacon's Meeting

The next Deacon's meeting will be at 6:00pm **February 5th, 2025** in the church social hall.

RECYCLING: Keep saving your nickel cans and nickel plastic bottles! Please leave them in the church social hall for pick-up. Thank you!



Remember: *“With God all things are possible.”*

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 the church secretary to print it.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study Group will meet February 13th and February 27th at 10:30am in the church social hall. The topic is Christian Disciplines— Connecting with God, Reaching out to others and Staying on track.

All women are welcome, bring a friend if you would like! These are individual lessons, so you can join us anytime!

If you have any questions please contact:

Vicki Sander: 814-465-3137 or
Laura Keesler: 814-465-9388

Celebrating

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UP-COMING SCHEDULE

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| ASH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5 TH | 5:30-5:50PM PRAYER SESSION IN CHURCH | 6PM SERVICE |
| PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13 TH | 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL | 10AM SERVICE |
| MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 17 TH | 5:30-5:50PM PRAYER SESSION IN CHURCH | 6PM SERVICE |
| GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18 TH | 5:30-5:50PM PRAYER SESSION IN CHURCH | 6PM SERVICE |
| EASTER MORNING | APRIL 20 TH | 8:30AM EASTER BREAKFAST IN SOCIAL HALL | 10AM SERVICE |



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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)***

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

FEBRUARY 5TH

Deacon's Meeting 6pm

FEBRUARY 11TH

Council Meeting 6:30pm

FEBRUARY 13TH, 27TH

Women's Bible Study 10:30am

FEBRUARY 14TH

Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 22ND

Food Sale @ CLC

FEBRUARY 28TH

Friday Night Lights @ CLC 6pm



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 10am-2pm

Tuesday: 10am-2pm

Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday: 10am-2pm

Friday: 10am-2pm

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 office.