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Friday, January 5

is the day before Epiphany, when we celebrate the arrival of the Magi (kings from the East) to worship the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun while recalling the discovery of the Magi from the East as they journeyed to the manger to worship Jesus.



At our second annual Epiphany event, there will be a display of international nativity scenes in Harkins Hall; pizza and salad; and then we will carol downtown as part of the First Friday of the New Year, surely warming the hearts of those who hear us. We will also share some great “epiphanies” and hold our first ceremonial “passing of the crown” from last year’s king (Ryan Pencek) to whomever finds the BEAN (representing the baby Jesus) in their slice of cake. The lucky person will be named our honorary King or Queen until next Epiphany!

SUPPER IS AT 5:30,



**WANTED:
Kings and
Carolers
for First Friday,
Downtown
State College,
on January 5**

we will write the traditional inscription of 20+C+M+B+18 (symbolizing Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, asking God to bless our work at Grace during 2018). We'll **SING CAROLS DOWNTOWN FROM 6:15 -7:15/30**, led by our own costumed Kings and a Star, and return to enjoy a steaming **HOT WASSAIL BOWL** (beverage) and **THREE KINGS CAKE**. The event will end around 8 p.m.

This event is appropriate for singles, couples, and families with upper elementary-aged children and teens. (Younger ones are welcome, but you might want to bring a wagon for the caroling.) Be prepared to bundle up! In the unlikely event of rain, we will still hold the event – our “parade” of carols will just be shorter. Let’s hope for good weather so we can spread Epiphany joy – the Light of Christ in song!

Call Laurel Sanders, Worship & Music Coordinator, at 883-8484 for details or email her at lsanders@glcpa.org if you would like to come or if you can contribute a side dish or a liter of soda for dinner.

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Calling All Singers!

Adult Choir rehearsals begin
Wednesday, January 10
7:30-9:00 p.m. in the
Sanctuary
and at 10:00 a.m.
in the choir room
on Sundays before
the 10:30 worship service.
Weekly participation of the
choir at the 10:30 service will
begin January 28.



We welcome Jayne Glocke as our new choir director. Read more about Jayne on page 2.



Vicar Ariel Enters a New Phase

Vicar Ariel completes her internship with us on December 31. What a remarkable year it has been for Vicar Ariel and for us at Grace!

Sunday school, Super Wednesday's Kids Club and the Reformers Tween group, Confirmation, high school youth group, Milestones ministry, Children, Youth and Family teams, The ELCA Youth Gathering, and Cross Generational ministries are ALL ways Vicar Ariel's gifts and time have helped and influenced us at Grace Lutheran Church.

A special note needs said about the Milestones Ministry. This became her internship project and has been very beneficial for us here at Grace. Baptism, first Holy Communion, first Bible, Confirmation and high school graduations are all milestones Vicar Ariel has more fully incorporated into Grace's worship and family life. This has been a blessing for all of us. Thank you, Vicar Ariel, for all you have done during your internship year.

Even though internship is over, Vicar Ariel's time with us here at Grace will go through June 2018. She will be employed by Grace January through June and will continue her work with Cindy Fritz in the "Faith Formation" aspect of our ministries. Vicar Ariel will complete her time at Grace after she, along with Cindy and Peter Horn, take our youth to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in June.

~ Pastor Lynn



Dear members and friends of Grace,

On behalf of all the church staff, I thank you for the cards, gifts, and good wishes given to us and our families over the Advent and Christmas season. We are blessed and thankful to serve in such a gracious and vibrant congregation.

*Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Lynn*



Thank you so much to all the Super Wednesday cooks, servers, buyers, and the Green Team! Words cannot express our awe and wonder. Thanks for the wonderful meals you faithfully prepare every week for us--150-180 people! The time you give to our Lord and to us--planning, buying, cooking, serving, washing dishes, and cleaning up--is life giving to all of us who benefit.

Thanks also for the "Mega Meals" you do. Thanksgiving and Christmas meals in the Miller Center serve at least 600 Grace members and friends. You are all amazing!

Music to Our Ears: Welcome to Erik Clayton and Jayne Glocke

January 1 marks the beginning of a new era in the musical life of our church as Erik Clayton starts his service as our organist for the 9 and 10:30 services and Jayne Glocke leads our adult choir. Erik Clayton is the Director of Choirs at State High Area High School, and Jayne is on the faculty at the Penn State School of Music and active as a conductor and choral clinician. Jayne has been a longstanding member and has served in many areas at Grace, including as president of our Council. She will rehearse the choir on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 and on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in preparation for the 10:30 service. Erik comes to us from St. John's Episcopal Church, where he served as the organist and choirmaster. Although he is new to worship at Grace, he has many years of service in churches, primarily in the Lutheran and Episcopal traditions. He also has a history with our church, as one of his children attended our preschool.

Jayne and Erik are dedicated to sharing God's word through his wonderful gift of music. We look forward to hearing the fruits of their labors and hope you will join us in welcoming them.

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To Grace members:

Thank you for the reception on December 10 honoring Pat and me for our years of musical service at Grace. The elegant silver engraved bowl, the porcine-themed cake and your friendships will be treasured. It has been very rewarding to have served as one of Grace's organists for 20 years.

*In appreciation,
June Miller*

Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Holy Gospel
January 7 Baptism of Our Lord	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
January 14 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
January 21 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
January 27 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

MUSIC IN THE LITURGY

How The Twelve Days of Christmas Set the Tone for Epiphany

Many of us joyfully sing *The Twelve Days of Christmas* song during the weeks leading up to Christmas but perhaps without thinking about when the twelve days take place, what they signify, and what they do to prepare us for the great “epiphany”—or revelation—and the days that follow.



Depending on the source, the twelve days of Christmas (and the song by the same name) start on December 25 or 26 – also known as Saint Stephen’s Day (remember the carol *Good King Wenceslas* who looked out on the Feast of Stephen?). Depending on local customs, the twelve days end either on January 5 (as the “Twelfth Night” comes to a close) or on January 6, which is Epiphany, the day we celebrate the Magi arriving in Bethlehem to worship the Christ Child. The music of these twelve days is joyful, celebrating the birth of our long-awaited Savior. As we move into Epiphany, the music takes on more of a tone of awe and majesty. We journey with the kings, following the light of the star to see God made manifest in the flesh and seeking Christ’s light to guide us through life.

In our current hymnal, there are 29 hymns about Epiphany. Nearly all of them have references in the title or first line to light or to God coming down to earth. From *Be Thou My Vision* to *Drawn to the Light* and *This Little Light of Mine* to *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* or *We Are Marching in the Light* and *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* as well as *O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright*, hymn writers ask us to open our hearts to see the Light of Christ in the world around us and be willing to follow it. As you sing the Epiphany hymns, consider memorizing a line or two to guide you through the season and the coming year. Let the music of Epiphany spark a light within you!

DID YOU KNOW...

🌸 ... ALL Super Wednesday activities will be cancelled if the State College School District has a snow day or an early dismissal due to weather or a holiday?

Super Wednesday Resumes January 10 Study times at 11:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

January is providing us an opportunity to talk about several ministry issues and ideas at Grace.

On January 10, the first Super Wednesday of the new year, Anne Whitney will provide a workshop to give guidance to all potential Lenten devotion writers. The theme this year is “Great Blessings from Small Things,” using the psalm verses as the base of the devotion. Please consider writing a devotion and come to the workshop on the 10th to pick up some ideas and pointers. A sign-up sheet is in the upper commons area.

On Wednesday, January 17, Pastor Lynn will continue the discussion about Grace of 2018 and what ministry programming ideas are needed for the future.

Then on two consecutive Wednesdays, January 24 & 31, Pastors Lynn and Schul will lead a discussion about forming a Grace Handbook for new members to help them live and grow into life at Grace. What should be in such a handbook? From your experiences at Grace, give us ideas and help us form the book.

A Hymn for Contemplation

This article pivots from a monthly prayer to a hymn text from our rich Lutheran tradition of sacred music. The reason is two-fold: (1) A hymn text can be a powerful witness of Jesus and a perfect focus for prayer; and (2) our hymnals are, in my opinion, the most underutilized devotional tool in the home. I would encourage every household to own a hymnal. To most effectively utilize this article, I suggest you open with a simple prayer, slowly and contemplatively read the hymn text, ponder the guiding questions at the end, and close again with prayer. Be blessed!
Pastor Schul



O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (ELW #308)

Verse 1

O Morning Star, how clear and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all-victorious,
rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Verse 5

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation! Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

These two verses from *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* were penned by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), a Lutheran pastor, poet, and composer. This hymn is often sung during the weeks following Epiphany (January 6), as we reflect upon the astonishing gift we receive in Jesus. "Morning star" is a phrase used in the New Testament to describe Jesus. (See 2 Peter 1:19, Rev. 2:28, and Rev. 22:16.)

1. How is Jesus like a "morning star" in your life?
2. What does it mean for you that Jesus is both "lowly and holy"?
3. In your life, have you been able to experience Jesus's "never ending" love even during challenging times?
4. How has God called and equipped you to "tell the story" of Jesus?



All are invited to an Open House at the home of Pastor and Linda Schul.

WHERE: 159 W Park Ave in State College

WHEN: Sunday, January 28 from 2-5 pm

WHAT: Light refreshments and fellowship as the Schuls express gratitude to and for the people of Grace.

You need bring only yourself. Street parking is not permitted, so we suggest you park on the decks near the Nittany Lion Inn, which are free on Sundays. We look forward to seeing you!

Friday, January 12

VENUE CHANGE

for Yale Glee Club

Concert

The concert planned by the Yale Glee Club at Grace Lutheran has been moved to State College Area High School to accommodate space needs for their collaboration with the high school choirs. Watch the news media for details.

Adult Forum, Sundays in Fireside Room

JOIN US

Attend as your schedule allows and topics are of interest

- Jan. 7 The Great Divorce (Part 1 of 4)
- Jan. 14 The Great Divorce (Part 2 of 4)
- Jan. 21 Devotional Writing Workshop (details on page 3 under Super Wednesday)
- Jan. 28 The Great Divorce (Part 3 of 4)
- Feb. 4 The Great Divorce (Part 4 of 4)

The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis confronts the Christian concepts of Heaven and Hell through a dream sequence narrated by the author. The story develops from the narrator taking a bus ride up and out of a grey and dank city away to the countryside; Upon getting off the bus, he finds himself within the earliest parts of Heaven, a land of intense beauty and perfection. Everything that follows provides some unique ideas and speaks to the reader about the baggage we each try to carry with us on a journey that demands we let it go.

While the book is short and a comparatively easy read, it does stimulate much thought and introspection regarding our own understanding of how we perceive Heaven and Hell.

Individual reading outside of class and subsequent group discussion is a great way to maximize our understanding of the main points the author is trying to convey.

These sessions will be led by Don Widener. Contact Dotty Delafield (readoodles@gmail.com) for a copy of the book.

Grace Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten Snow Policy (2017-2018)



School cancellations follow SCASD public school closings and will be announced on FM radio stations WTLR, 3WZ, WRSC, WLTS, WQWK, WJHT, WMAJ, WBUS, WPSU and television channels 4, 6 and 10. Staff and parents of GLPK children are responsible for checking for school closing information. You can sign up for notifications of State College Area School District closings via text at Wearecentralpa.com or by downloading the State College School District App.

For further information on the snow policy and closings, please call the school office at (814) 238-8110.

**Thank you, Thank you,
from the Preschool**



TOYS FOR TOTS – Thank you for supporting the Toys for Tots Campaign again this year. The four boxes were overflowing. All donations go to children in the Centre County area.

GIANT A+ SCHOOL REWARDS – So far our school has earned \$165.49 with the A+ School Rewards program. If you shop at Giant, use their Bonus card and designate our school, Giant will donate cash to us at the end of the year. If you would like to participate in this easy program, log on to www.GiantA-plus.com. Our school ID is 20787. You can also sign up at the Giant store.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
Thank you for continuing to collect Box Tops. Our summer and fall submission earned us \$301.90. You can drop them off in the Box Tops mailbox at the entrance to our school.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION
This year our preschool and kindergarten children donated non-perishable food items to the Centre County Food Bank during our Thanksgiving Chapel. We collected 143 pounds of food. The food and other necessities collected were greatly appreciated.

To the Men of Grace Lutheran Church

For many years a group of men from Grace Lutheran Church have had a morning breakfast prayer/Bible study group on Thursday mornings. This has been a nice way to get to know other men from the congregation--for those who may attend different services, those who are working and want to meet on a breakfast or lunch break, those who are retired. We have met at Perkins, the State College Diner, and most recently IHop. IHop has been great, and we would like to continue the tradition, but attendance has been sparse. The proposal is to meet at IHop at noon for lunch beginning in January. We will meet on the second **Thursday, January 11** to start and then look at how often we would like to meet.



If you are interested in this small group ministry, please come to the January lunch or, if you have questions, contact either Pastor Schul (pastorschul@glcpa.org) or Ken Kulp (237-3993).

Green Tip for January

Now that we are in the throes of winter, you might want to consider some of the following to save energy and money on your heating bill:

- Turn heat thermostat down a couple degrees
- Turn heat thermostat down at night or when not in house (a savings of as much as 1% for each degree if the setback period is eight hours long)
- Clean baseboards, warm-air registers, and radiators
- Open shades on south-facing windows during the day in winter

DO YOUR OWN HOME AUDIT

(walk around on a cold day and feel with a damp hand where cold air coming in)

- Caulk or insulate to block drafts
- Check doors, windows, plumbing holes, wiring holes
- Make sure fireplace damper is shut tight or chimney blocked off if not in use
- Use storm windows or make your own

A common misconception associated with thermostats is that a furnace works harder than normal to warm the space back to a comfortable temperature after the thermostat has been set back, resulting in little or no savings. In fact, according to information on the energy.gov web site, as soon as your house drops below its normal temperature, it will lose energy to the surrounding environment more slowly. The lower the interior temperature, the slower the heat loss. So the longer your house remains at the lower temperature, the more energy you save because your house has lost less energy than it would have at the higher temperature. The same concept applies to raising your thermostat setting in the summer--a higher interior temperature will slow the flow of heat into your house, saving energy on air conditioning.



We are blessed with a new dumpster for corrugated cardboard!

Troy Heatwole's Eagle Scout project was to build a platform for the dumpster and provide landscaping!

Thank you for your hard work, Troy!

~ Roy Everett and the Property Committee





Financial Page

Church FINANCES	Actual Income/ Expense July 1- Nov 30, 2017	Budgeted Income/ Expense July 1- Nov 30, 2017	+ or (-)	%
Income	\$ 321,876.27	\$ 335,200.00	\$ 13,323.73	-4.08
Expenses	\$ 343,323.15	\$ 365,602.95	\$ 22,279.80	-6.10
Net Income	(\$ 21,446.88)	(\$ 30,402.95)	(\$ 8,956.07)	

Notes: Interest income is not included. Most expenses are budgeted straight-line throughout the year. Income is budgeted based on historic pattern of receipt.

The gap between our income needs and what we have collected to carry out planned ministries has diminished this month, but we still have a shortfall in giving. However, we are managing to keep costs under budget.

Building Campaign

Actual Receipts this month	Monthly Mortgage*	Fiscal YTD Receipts	Fiscal YTD Mortgage
\$ 12,651.02	\$ 15,972.03	\$ 68,837.00	\$ 79,860.00

* The monthly mortgage payment will be in effect until 1/5/2018. A new payment will be established based on interest rates at that time.



Consider thanking our retiring organists with a gift to the Krumrine Organ Fund

June Miller and Pat Lloyd have provided stellar service to Grace with a combined 50 years of service as our organists at 9:00

and 10:30 a.m. worship. To recognize their service, we invite contributions to the Krumrine Organ Fund in their honor. To donate, please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and mark "Organ Fund" on your check. In a few years we will need new leathers and other significant organ maintenance. Your gift will honor Pat and June, while ensuring the organ fills our worship space joyfully for years to come.

Offering Envelopes

The remaining envelope boxes for 2018 are still available for pick-up. If you didn't pick yours up yet, remember to do so! The boxes are located on the tables in the Narthex.

Please confirm that the envelope number on the top label of the box matches the number in the little window on the front left side of the box. If they do not, please let the office know immediately. You may use the envelopes

**beginning
Sunday,
January 7, 2018.**





Out of the Cold Centre County (OOTC3) Grace will be hosting Out of the Cold January 2 through 14

We are still looking for volunteers! Please consider volunteering for one of the many opportunities to assist. Training is provided for all hosts and overnight volunteers. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board, and we thank those who have signed up.

Out of the Cold (OOTC) provides warm and safe overnight accommodations and nourishment for members of our homeless community. Many congregations within the Centre Region participate and take turns hosting our guests.

Grace Lutheran Church has supported this mission since OOC started. There are many opportunities for our members to show their support. During the two weeks that we host the program, there are opportunities to

- be an overnight volunteer
- be a host
- provide a meal
- wash towels
- help unload and load the program supplies and equipment
- and provide miscellaneous needs

The Food Bank

The Food Bank of the State College Area, Inc. is always in need of donations. The church collects donations monthly in the church narthex on the first Sunday of each month at each worship service. Cash/check donations, grocery store gift cards, and brown paper grocery bags are always accepted. For the complete list, look at their website, <https://www.scfoodbank.org/Page/59>



- Juice (100%)
- Canned fruits
- Jam or jelly
- Canned peas and/or carrots
- Soup (especially Progresso or Chunky)
- Cereal
- Tomato product (diced, stew, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned pasta and sloppy joe (Chef Boyardee, Manwich, etc.)
- Canned meats (chicken or Spam)
- Gluten-free product (any type, but especially pasta, cereal, etc.)
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Feminine products
- Soap (bars/liquid)

Hundreds of items collected for Centre County Women's Resource Center

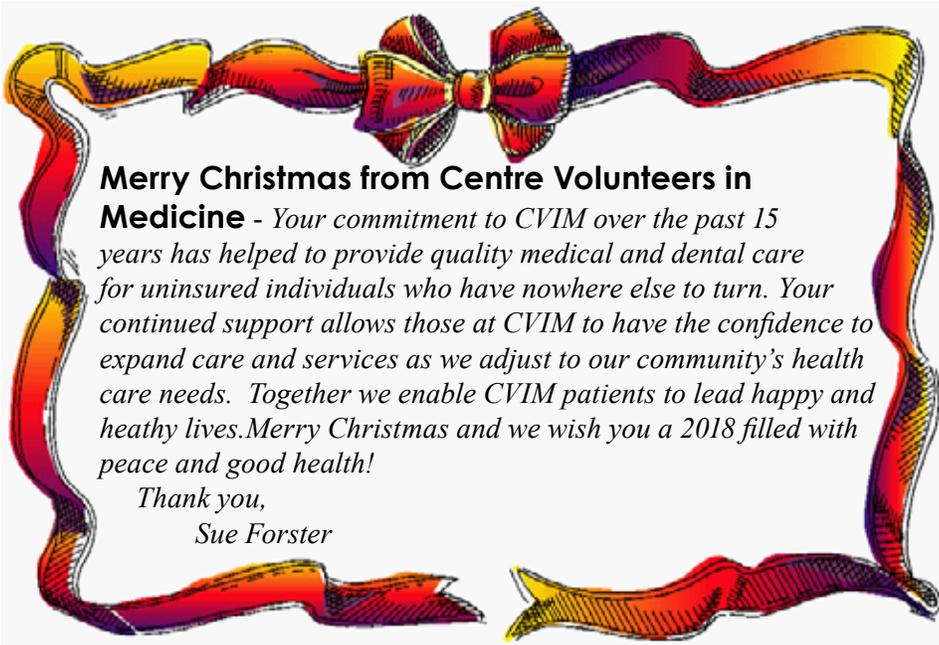
The annual holiday collection benefiting the Centre County Women's Resource Center has been a great success, with more than 230 individual items collected to benefit residents of the shelter and those receiving needed services through the resource center. Thank you so much to those who were able to donate items that will be put to good use.

My son, Ryan, was just as proud of our church members as he helped me tally the donations and deliver them to CCWRC. Among the donations were

- * \$55 in cash/checks
- * 15 boxes of tea
- * 8 food items
- * 5 clothing items
- * 1 large gift bag of toiletries
- * 85 various sized towels (including kitchen)
- * 6 coffee/tea cups
- * 1 blanket
- * 19 journals/notebooks
- * 1 set of stationery
- * 42 pens/markers
- * 1 roll of ribbon
- * 1 box of LED lights
- * 4 plates
- * 30 DVDs
- * 6 activity packs
- * 1 tote bag

For those who still wish to donate funds or items, please feel free to drop off any items to me in the church nursery on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings for Super Wednesday. Again, thank you so very much for your generosity.

- Jennifer Pencek, coordinator,
Friends Who Care Ministry



Merry Christmas from Centre Volunteers in Medicine - *Your commitment to CVIM over the past 15 years has helped to provide quality medical and dental care for uninsured individuals who have nowhere else to turn. Your continued support allows those at CVIM to have the confidence to expand care and services as we adjust to our community's health care needs. Together we enable CVIM patients to lead happy and healthy lives. Merry Christmas and we wish you a 2018 filled with peace and good health!*

*Thank you,
Sue Forster*

Thank you . . .

for your help in filling Finals Week Care Packages for our Penn State students! We gave away 30 bags filled with snacks to help them keep up their spirits and their energy through exams and those final papers and projects!

Thank you for helping support students in this and so many other ways!!

- Alicia Anderson

Centre County Refugee Welcome Committee

Good news! Mohammad's family is in Berlin!



This is a picture, taken at the airport in Berlin, of Mohammad's family just after they arrived. Penny Eifring organized the fundraising for the Centre County Refugee Welcome Committee to get Mohammad's wife and children to Berlin from the refugee camp in Damascus, Syria. She is pictured with the family.

We, at Grace, helped make this happen with our bucket donation of **\$1683.50** in August of 2017! Thank you.

Thank you . . .

to all who contributed hats, gloves and scarves for The Centre County Youth Service Bureau. 228 items were collected:

- 107 hats
- 107 gloves
- 14 scarves



Women of Grace



Schedule

Naomi Circle - *First Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Library*
(this month the second Tuesday)

Contact Person: Carolyn Fishburn (cxf1@psu.edu)

January 9 - Hostesses - Joann McCormick and Pat Ishler
Devotions and Program - Gloria Niewig

Daughters of Eve Circle - *Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Fireside*
Bible Study - *50 Ways to Pray*, Tresea A Blythe

Contact Person: Bonnie Burris (bonnieburris@comcast.net)

January 23 - Hostesses - Bonnie Burris and Jen Conklin
Devotions and Program - Sue Ferro

Comfort Makers (*Sewing Group*) - *Second and fourth Tuesday at*
9 a.m. in the Stinson Library

Contact Person: Yvonne Koths (ygk1951@gmail.com)

January 9 and 23

Knit Wits (*Knitting and Crocheting group*) - *Second Thursday at*
10 a.m. in the Stinson Library

Contact Person: Cindy Tibbott (ctibbot1@verizon.net)

January 11

Garden of Readin' (*Women's Book Club*) - *Third Tuesday at*
10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. (your choice) in Fireside

Contact Person: Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net)

January 16 - *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Susan Hirth will be facilitating.

Board Meeting - *First Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Fireside.*
(No Board meeting this month)

Contact Person: Susan Ferro (ferro71@comcast.net)

Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project - *Fair trade coffee sale on the*
second Sunday at 10 a.m. in Harkins Hall - January 14

Contact Person: Bonnie Burris (bonnieburris@comcast.net)



The Bells of Grace is seeking one ringer and two substitute ringers for the spring semester. If you are interested in joining this choir that meets at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary on Sundays, please contact Anna Carol Buffington at acbuffington@comcast.net or (814) 531-4242.

Ministry With PSU Students ...

Welcome back from break!



We hope you had a wonderful time away from classes and deadlines and that the new semester is looking good!

Lutheran Student Community will resume our events and programs with Worship and Dinner on Sunday, January 7! We'll have a great home-cooked meal and have some conversation about Bible study and discussion topics for the coming semester!

DARE TO DISCERN RETREAT, Friday, January 12 - Saturday, January 13

Take a little time away to explore and reflect on where your work and your life are taking you, as well as how your faith shapes your direction. Join students of all sorts of majors and resource people from the State College community to look at who you are and where you are heading! Contact Alicia Anderson, (ara2@psu.edu) campus minister, to sign up!!

Weekly Events

- Sundays Morning worship at Grace Lutheran at 8, 9, and 10:30 a.m.
- Evening worship at Grace Lutheran from 6-6:50 p.m.
- Dinner after worship from 7-8 p.m.
- Thursday evening worship at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, corner of Allen Street and Curtin Road on campus from 6-6:45 p.m.
- Dinner after worship from 6:45-8 p.m.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children's Christmas Eve Worship

At Grace every Christmas Eve service has something special that we look forward to and treasure. I am thankful and grateful for the children who become our angels, and shepherds and, of course, our new parents who come forward to stand in for Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus. Thank you to all who participate in this service.



Family: Brian & Megan Widener with their first child, Rosalyn
Angels: Leah Leidy, Manetta & Elizabeth Horn, Olivia Myers, and Hannah & Julia Simcoe
Shepherds: Jordan Hockenberry, Cameron & Regan Houseknecht, and Samuel Maher
Bulletin Cover: Colored by the 2nd & 3rd grade Sunday school class

Confirmation Class and High School Youth Warm Hands and Hearts

Youth involved in confirmation classes had a guest speaker, Pastor Dennis Snider, to discuss homelessness and the **Out of the Cold program**. Out of the Cold will be held at Grace beginning January. The youth prepared and froze eight quarts of chili, corn bread muffins, and brownies. The tasks included chopping onions and peppers, mixing spices, and adding tomatoes and beans! This meal is sure to warm the hands and hearts of those who eat it. Additionally, half of our youth painted rocks with encouraging messages. Folks coming in to Out of the Cold may take a rock with them as a reminder that they are loved. Thank you, Pastor Dennis, for sharing your knowledge, experience, and faith with our youth.



Youth Sunday February 11, 2018

We will be holding our annual Youth Sunday on February 11 at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. If your child or youth are interested in participating, please contact Cindy Fritz as soon as possible. We are in need of lectors, speaking parts, ushers, and greeters.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

January Calendar

Sunday, January 7

No Sunday School Classes

Sunday, January 14

9-10 a.m. – Sunday School Classes resume

Sun. & Mon., January 14-15

Confirmation Lock-In

Sunday, January 21

6-8 p.m. – High School Youth Group Miller Center

February Preview

Sunday, February 11

Youth Sunday, No Sunday School Classes

Sunday, February 18

7-8 p.m. – High School Youth Group

Sunday, February 25

12-2 p.m. – Confirmation Class, Miller Center

Confirmation Class: January Lock-In

In place of our regular confirmation class, we will be having a Lock-in. Plan to meet in the Miller Center on Sunday, January 14 and be "locked in" the building overnight. Arrival and departure times have not been set. Please check your email for updates and a supply/packing list for this event.

- E-mail: glpk@glcpa.org
- Phone: 814-238-8110
- Web: www.glcpa.org

Advent Fest 2017



Annual Christmas Dinner 2017





Dates to Remember!

Monday, January 8

School Reopens

Friday, January 12

9:15-10:15 a.m. – Bible Study in the Fireside room, Childcare provided in the nursery, room 204
5-day 4-year-old class visits kindergarten
12:15 p.m. – GLPK curriculum meeting in the Fireside room

Saturday, January 13

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Moms Club Preschool Fair at the Mount Nittany Middle School cafeteria and gymnasium

Monday, January 15

NO School

The week of January 16-20

Dads Are Cool Week

Thur. & Fri. January 18 & 19

9:15-10:15 a.m. – Kindergarten readiness meetings, Fireside room

Saturday, January 20

9-10 a.m. – Dads Are Cool Breakfast, Harkins Hall

Mon. & Tues. January 22 & 23

10:30 a.m. Chapel

Thur. & Fri. January 25 & 26

Registration forms go home in weekend folders and are mailed to church members

Thursday, January 25

4-5:30 p.m. – GLPK Open House for 2018-2019 School Year
6-8 p.m. GLPK Staff Meeting

Friday, January 26

9:15-10:15 a.m. – Bible Study in the Fireside room, Childcare provided in the Nursery, room 204



CHRISTIAN FOCUS BOX FOR JANUARY

WE CAN TALK TO GOD! (PRAYER)

"PRAY AT ALL TIMES" – ROMANS 12:12

DISCOVERY SCIENCE: EXPLORING WATER: WATER DROPS
AFTERNOON ENRICHMENT CLASSES THEME: ARCTIC
ADVENTURE



Help Wanted

We are looking for substitute teachers' aides. If you or someone you know may be interested in applying, please contact the school office at 814-238-8110 or glpk@glcpa.org.



Dads are Cool Breakfast

Saturday, January 20

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

All school children are invited to bring their dad, grandpa, uncle or other significant male in their life to a pancake breakfast in Harkins Hall. This is an opportunity for the children to spend some time with their special guys.

Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten 2018 – 2019 Registration Begins

Priority registration forms for Grace Lutheran Church members will be mailed January 25th.

- Priority registration forms for current school members will be sent home with your child(ren) on January 25th and 26th.
- Grace Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten Open House will be held on January 25th from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please drop in to meet our teachers and staff and see the classrooms.
- Priority registration begins Monday, February 5th at 8:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room for the 2018 – 2019 school year. All registration forms will be processed in the order in which they are received.
- Open registration forms will be accepted on Monday, February 5th, but will be processed on February 12th. Registration forms will be processed in the order in which they were received.



Monday, February 5

2018-2019 Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., Fireside room

- E-mail: glpk@glcpa.org
- Phone: 814-238-8110
- Web: www.glcpa.org

A Very Merry December



Advent Family Fun Night



"Deck the Halls"



Christmas program practice

Our Christmas program, "Merry, Merry Christmas," was adorable as always, and the cookies and milk reception was yummy!





January Worship Volunteers

LECTORS - Anne Burke (364-5096/ ambrmb1@verizon.net)

8 a.m.
January 7 - June Walter
January 14 - Jennifer Pencek
January 21 - Open
January 28 - Ryan Pencek

9 a.m.
January 7 - Open
January 14 - Angie Hardyk
January 21 - Open
January 28 - Open

10:30 a.m.
January 7 - Jeff Ulmer
January 14 - Ron Banerjee
January 21 - Open
January 28 - Open

GREETERS - Sue Forster (876-2029/ sforster@cvim.net)

8 a.m.
January 7 - June Krumrine
January 14 - Carla Rossi
January 21 - Kay Weigand
January 28 - Pam Soule

9 a.m.
January 7 - Bruce and Elaine Rathfon, Louise Tarman
January 14 - Nick Downs, Mardi McDonough
Susan Bardo
January 21 - Dave & Tamara Proctor and family,
Louise Tarman
January 28 - Mark and Karen Mrsa, Marilyn Peterson

10:30 a.m.
January 7 - Gerry Slear, Bob and Alice Griffin,
Leslie Elder
January 14 - Joe and Joanna Belanger,
Phil and Mary Bucher
January 21 - Don and Gina Leon, Susan Antle
January 28 - Andy and Georgia Peeler, Sue Fortser

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS - Sue Forster (876-2029/ sforster@cvim.net)

9 a.m.
January 7 - Open
January 14 - Linda Domin
January 21 - Grant and Tammy Davis
January 28 - Anne Rohrbach

10:30 a.m.
January 7 - Sue Forster
January 14 - Jim and Lynda Stephenson
January 21 - Barbara Fiscus
January 28 - Sharyn Everhart

ACOLYTES - Stephanie Fozard (238-7935/ steph@fozards.com)

8 a.m.
January 7 - Open
January 14 - Open
January 21 - Open
January 28 - Open

9 a.m.
January 7 - Ethan and Spencer Hardyk
January 14 - Annika Bechtel, Alexis Weyandt
January 21 - Nicholas Kewitt, Jacob Fritz
January 28 - Ella and Ireland McDyre

10:30 a.m.
January 7 - Jack and Lincoln Hockenberry
January 14 - Patrick and Izzy Williams
January 21 - Emilio Schul, Emily Whitney
January 28 - Sophia and Mirabella Bills

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Sally Keiser-Bankert (234-6038/ sallykb@verizon.net)

8 a.m.
January 7 - Don Widener
January 14 - Nancy Reinert
January 21 - Don Widener
January 28 - Cindy Nicosia

9 a.m.
January 7 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert
January 14 - Nick Downs, Mardi McDonough
January 21 - John Diercks, Rachel Wolkenhauser
January 28 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert

10:30 a.m.
January 7 - Elena Blazina, Scott Fozard
January 14 - Brian Bills, Beth Shafranko
January 21 - John and Brenda Palmgren
January 28 - Paul and Leslie Wagner

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
Sally Keiser-Bankert
(234-6038/ sallykb@verizon.net)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
Jason Laine
(814-404-4719/ jason.laine@gmail.com)

SOUND BOOTH
Karl Hosterman
(355-4818/ karl@centreccommonline.com)

8 a.m.
January 7 - George Weigand
January 14 - Leonard Ellenberger
January 21 - George Weigand
January 28 - George Weigand

10:00 a.m.
January 7 - Open
January 14 - Open
January 21 - Open
January 28 - Open

10:30 a.m.
January 7 - Lester Griel, Jr.
January 14 - Lester Griel, III
January 21 - Richard Brenneman
January 28 - Wayne Pauley

Please call Jason Laine if you can help!!



January Worship Sponsors

The church office (238-2478) or Sharon Schultz (sschultz@glcpa.org)



Altar Flowers	Bulletin Covers	Radio Sponsors
January 7 - Lu Magnusson	January 7 - Jim and Ellen Campbell	January 7 - Lu Magnusson
January 14 - John and Brenda Palmgren	January 14 - Dave and Nadine Wolfe	January 14 - Bob and Lois Voigt
January 21 - Joyce Sipple	January 21 - Rich and June Walter	January 21 - Joyce Sipple
January 28 - Cam and Judy Bausch	January 28 - Brian Christian Family	January 28 - Anonymous

December Pastoral Acts

New Births and Baptisms	Deaths - Funerals/Memorials	Weddings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leon Slear • Bill Miller 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Anderson and Matthew Baney - December 23rd

Prayer List for January

All deployed military and those traveling in war-torn countries
 Sam Alexander
 Dave Asencio
 Sara Cocolin
 Cathy Antes, friend of Deana Coine
 Paul and Lois Confer and family, friends of Phil Vollmer
 Emma Deppen, granddaughter of Winnie & Marion Deppen
 Pastor Dowhower
 Vicki Garvin
 Megan Grunthaler, Kathy Cathcart's daughter-in-law
 Sherry Harrington
 Skylar Hill
 Shawn Hintosh, brother of Melissa Chapman
 Lenore Horner
 Sadie Hounshell, friend of the Davis'
 Curtis Krebs, brother of Sandy Cassady
 Pete Krewson, father of Erin Tusar
 Nick Lingenfelter
 Frances Michalkiewicz, sister of Sandra Larson
 Jo Anne Miller and family upon the death of Bill Miller
 Al Musgrave
 Amy Neuling
 Maryann Newcomb
 Nick Scholz, friend of Ethan and Morgan Wagner
 Margaret Schrock, Kathy Weimer's mother
 Marty Shultz, Deana Coine's cousin
 Geraldine Slear and family upon his death of Leon Slear
 Victoria Smith
 William Snape, Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite
 Carol Spangler
 Marlowe Stiger
 James Tarman
 Tammy Trinidad
 Mary Utzman, Jane Utzman's mother
 Betty Waite, sister of Martha Musser
 Ross Weimer, Greg Weimer's father
 Kathleen Wolfhope, friend of the Flanagan family

January Birthdays

1 Carol Findley	13 Scott Richardson	29 Madison Cable
1 Corey (Colin) Lovell	14 Emma Bright	29 Sheri Rider
1 Donelle Pickering	14 Troy Heatwole	30 Donald Coine
1 Melissa Chapman	14 Sam Shively	30 Sally Horn
2 Colin Hill	14 Kasie Peterson	30 Braden Wandrisco
2 Meghan Maggi	14 Tracy Wagner	31 Daniel Bright
3 Drew Hardyk	15 Declan Flanagan	
3 Gina Horn	15 Linda Louder	
3 Michael Ludwig	15 Gertrude Mentzer	
3 Patricia Murphy	16 Katelyn Watschke	
3 Nicholas Smith	16 Madison Watschke	
4 Julie Miller	16 Marguerite Marlin	
5 Ronald Krumrine	16 Margaret Deyscher	
5 Holly Veenis	17 Susan Buda	
6 Jeannie McCurdy	17 Jeffrey Jones	
6 Kaleena Davidson	17 Doug Long	
7 Renee Shively	17 Robin Smail	
7 Kathy Kalbach	17 Dawn Myers	
7 Michael Zucco	18 Taylor Badger	
8 Mark Brenneman	18 David Zazworsky	
8 Jamie Cunningham	19 Gordon Robinson	
8 Fiona Knowles	20 Samuel Hallacher	
8 Caitlin Knowles	21 Jack Bechtel	
9 Goldie Kroger	21 Carolyn Fishburn	
10 Sarah Zipf	23 Kenneth Harpster	
11 Claire Hosband	24 Mary Anne Clair	
11 Joel Nelson	24 Caroline Humm	
11 Bethany Zucco	24 Daryl Johnson	
12 Elise Bechtel	24 Matthew O'Donnell	
12 Kevin Luhman	24 Susan Bardo	
12 Cameron McCurdy	25 Matthew Wolfe	
13 Rod Egan	26 Nathan Waite	
13 Andrew Elder	26 Noah Peeler	
13 Rita Graef	27 Kenneth Shultz	
13 Robert Jeanmenne	28 Rachel Christian	
13 Pastor Larry Louder	28 Thomas Simcoe	



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Piano and flute accompaniment

9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Organ accompaniment

Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

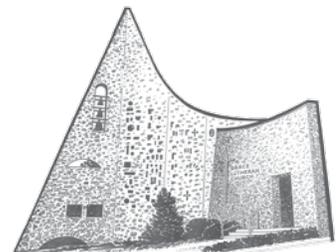
Organ accompaniment

Children's Message

6 p.m. Prayer & Praise Worship with Holy Communion

Christian alternative songs with Psalm 151 worship team

Casual worship in the Sanctuary



The Rev. P. Stevens Lynn, Senior Pastor
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Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to gather, feed, and send people in the name of Jesus Christ.