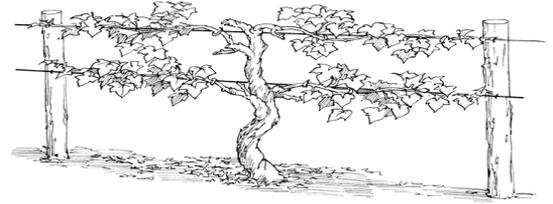


THE GRACE VINE

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit" John 15:5

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Called by God's grace, we commit to a life of worship, discipleship, and service in the name of Jesus Christ

FROM THE PASTOR

Unfortunately (or fortunately), politics seems to be on most people's minds right now. Since it affects us at every level of government, maybe that's not surprising.

And criticizing our elected officials and political system is nothing new. Mark Twain (later famously paraphrased by Will Rogers) once said, "Suppose you were an idiot? Or suppose you were a member of Congress? But then, I repeat myself!" And Will Rogers once reported that, "I don't belong to any organized political party. I'm a Democrat."

Jesus talks about the "Kingdom of God (or the Kingdom of heaven – usually interchangeably) quite a bit. For his followers, it was primarily a political kingdom. For Jesus, it was both political and spiritual.

Jesus' followers were ready for a new kingdom, and some, like Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, were ready to go to extreme measures to get it. Even Pilate wanted to know whether Jesus is a king, and if so, of what. Herod was terrified by the thought of a new king on the turf of his kingdom, so he killed hundreds of potential rivals after Jesus' birth.

With all that kingdom talk in scripture, it's not surprising that Jesus teaches his followers (including us) to pray, "Thy kingdom come."

So what happens when we pray, "Thy kingdom come."? What do we mean by that and for what are we really asking? For those of us raised in a democracy, what does it mean to look for a "kingdom", and what does the "kingdom of God" look like?

And are we really ready for Jesus kingdom?

The truth is that most of us don't really understand what kind of kingdom Jesus will bring in. While we have general guidelines, the specifics are a little murky.

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We assume that Jesus' kingdom precisely fits our definition of what the world should be like. And that usually includes us pretty high in the role of decision maker and being in charge and getting to decide who is worthy to be in and who should be left out. After all, we know what's what and if those other people would just come around to our way of thinking and do things the right way, then Jesus' kingdom would be here, and we could stop messing around. Most of us want Jesus to bring in a kingdom that really leaves us in charge to run things the way we know things ought to be run and do what we want to do.

The trouble with that is that it puts us pretty high up and bumps Jesus out of being the king and being in charge. In theological terms, it tries to put those who are created in the position of being the creator. We set ourselves up and think we know better than God. For more on this, see Genesis, chapter 2 – and the whole rest of the Bible as well.

Usually Jesus is throwing cold water on what people seem to think his kingdom will be like. Remember James (who wants to call down fire to destroy a village when they don't receive Jesus the way he thinks they should) and his brother John and their helicopter mother? "Golly Jesus, if you just put my two boys at the places of honor and decision making when you take your throne, then everything would be just peachy!" Except that Jesus has other ideas about who will sit at his right and left, and it probably isn't James and John, even though they are two members of his inner circle and one of them is his favorite disciple!

The truth is that when we talk about the kingdom, we usually see the kingdom through our own prejudices and ideas. The problem for most of us is that we think we know, and when someone challenges those ideas (like Jesus), his prophecy of Luke 12 begins to show itself.

Remember last Sunday's Gospel lesson (Luke 12:49-53) where Jesus tells his followers that his presence may bring division, and that the struggle to see and follow faithfully in the Kingdom will cause people to pull away. In a few weeks, we will hear Jesus tell a parable that indicates that many who think they are the favorites of the king will in fact be left outside, and in their places the strangest collection of the poor, crippled, needy, ragged, dirty, homeless, and disenfranchised will be sitting at the heavenly banquet in places of honor (Luke 14).

In other words, don't get too cocky about who's in and who's out. Just because you don't find the kingdom being run the way you think it should be run doesn't mean you are right. God may have a bigger idea.

In his explanation of the Lord's Prayer, with regard to the second petition "Thy kingdom come," Martin Luther says this: "In fact, God's kingdom comes on its own without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come to us."

Did you get that? The kingdom is already here and coming fast. But do we recognize it, welcome it, let it change us into the image of Christ the humble servant-king who sacrifices all for others on the cross, and celebrate THAT kind of a kingdom? Sometimes not. And even if we do, we certainly won't let it change us. "After all", we think, "I'm not the one who needs to be changed. That's everybody else's problem, not mine!"

Most of us see the kingdom through the lens of our own eyes and experience: Who is in and who is out. Who is worthy and who is not. Who is welcome and who is not. Who is right and who is wrong. What church should be like and what church is definitely not like! So instead we miss out on an invitation to a fantastic banquet, and the people who we think have no business being there take our seats. Kind of like being invited to a state dinner at the White House and everybody turning down the invitation. Then the poorest of Washington, D. C.'s poor show up to be seated instead. What would we think if we saw THAT on the evening news (or online or on Twitter or on Facebook or on – well, you get the idea)?

If we are faithful, we realize that we don't have all the answers. And the kingdom is in some ways a "moving target". We come to understand that the principles that underlie the kingdom are never changing, but that music, message styles, and media may change to more effectively communicate the good news of the kingdom to different people at different times in different places in different ways. But it's the same message. Luther used the word, "adiaphora", meaning (roughly), "things that make a lot of noise but don't really matter in terms of eternal salvation". We may prefer one way or another, but if we are truly in the kingdom, then the "how" of the message doesn't matter nearly as much as the "what" of the message about the kingdom of God.

May we have the open eyes to see the kingdom among us. And may God give us the faith, patience, openness, understanding, and wisdom to see it coming also to us, even as it is already all around us.

Thy kingdom come, oh Christ. And may it come also to us. Amen.

ASK THE PASTOR

We've been busy since the July/August "Vine", so this month there are two questions to answer!

Question: In the July/August issue you described the nave of the church. So where is the sanctuary?

Answer: Great question, and one that needs a little history lesson.

In the Bible, the sanctuary was the "Holy of Holies", the inner most part of the temple. In Christian usage as we moved from house churches into more formal buildings (where you didn't have to rearrange the furniture before and after worship every week) the sanctuary became associated with what was considered the most holy part of the room: the area around the altar, the place where the body and blood of the Lord were consecrated every Sunday.

By the Middle Ages this area had actually been codified into law, and the sanctuary was the area inside the railing immediately adjacent to the altar. Under laws in most countries, if a person committed a crime up to and including murder and could reach this part of the church, they would be safe for 30 days (or up to a year depending on the crime and country) while the crime was investigated and a determination was made as to their case.

Forcibly removing someone from sanctuary was considered a more serious crime than whatever may have driven the person to seek sanctuary in the first place. For some stories on this you can check out Ellis Peter's "The Sanctuary Sparrow" and even an episode of MASH entitled "A Holy Mess" with William Christopher's Father Mulcahy granting sanctuary to an accused private (played by Cyril O'Reilly) in the mess tent turned church for Sunday services.

The sanctuary was contained within the CHANCEL, which is a specific area within the nave that includes the area around the altar and is often defined by a raised platform of anywhere from one to five steps, although the traditional number is three steps to represent the Trinity. So, the sanctuary is an area within the chancel, which is a part of the nave. The chancel traditionally did not include the CHOIR, which was where the choir (in the Middle Ages the monks or nuns) sat between the congregation and the chancel.

Both Edgwood and Zion originally had a traditional raised, "East End" Chancel and a sanctuary with three sides and flanked by the wall. Edgwood had a modified choir arrangement.

In Grace, the chancel and the sanctuary are essentially the same area because there is no larger chancel and there is no architectural choir. The emphasis in the design was on access to the table, in particular to the communion rail and, by default, to the sanctuary.

As American churches developed in the 1700's and 1800's, the concept of a particular legal place of sanctuary was forgotten, but the idea of a place that was especially holy was retained. In American Protestant usage that place came to be recognized as the entire worship space (essentially the entire nave), and the terms nave and sanctuary began to be (incorrectly!) used interchangeably.

All this begs what is an ongoing conversation in late 20th century and early 21st century American Christianity as to what defines and is defined as "holy space". Ideas about this are once again in transition, as they were between the end of the Middle Ages and the great American church building period in the 1800's. Feel free to debate this within the congregation, because it has a LOT to do with how and where we see God present and active in our worship and in the world.

Hope this answers your question, and as always, thanks for asking!

Question: I came by the church the other day at the end of the week and the video of upcoming events was playing in the Gathering Room. Shouldn't that just be on for Sunday morning? Doesn't that just advertise that we have a TV and a computer ready for somebody to steal?

Answer: Very observant, and thanks for noticing. I turn the video on before I leave on Thursday so that it is running on Sunday morning. It makes for one less thing I have to do on Sunday, although if we had a volunteer who was willing to start and stop that each week that would help (anyone interested?).

In another vein, however, having it running during the week gives the information to outside groups who may be in the building and come up to use the bathroom. Also, the police have said that having that extra light running at night makes it easier for them to see if anyone is in the building when they make their rounds at night.

Since it uses about the same amount of electricity as a 40-watt light bulb, it's not running the electric bill up that much and it helps with security. SO that's why we're running it during the week as well.

As for the concern that it will let folks who might want to break in know that we have a computer and television, just about anybody would figure we have computers in the office, and anybody whose been back in the Education Wing for a tour has seen the TV's back there. Plus the computer is locked up in the case under the memorial book. The general consensus is that having it on is not increasing our risk that way.

Hope that puts your mind at ease, and as always, thanks for asking!

BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL OFFERING

Throughout the year Grace members have the opportunity to give special offerings in support of the wider ministries of the church like World Hunger, Camp Luther, United Lutheran Seminary, scholarships for new pastors, and Community Lutheran Partners.

The September "Back to School" offering is in support of the Lutheran Campus Center at WVU. Pastor Tony Setley, the WVU Campus Lutheran Chaplain, was able to be with us on August 4 and helped us understand where those mission dollars go and how effective that ministry is in training future pastors and creating future active lay leaders in the church, as well as providing support to college students in the challenges and changes they face as young adults away from home.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this special offering. All dollars given in these special offerings go directly to the organization named without any funds being taken out by the Synod or congregation for administration or operations.

CHURCH WORDS—THINGS THAT GO TOGETHER

On the Communion Table every Sunday there are a number of silver vessels. In some churches these may be gold or ceramic. These hold the bread and wine for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Since they go together, we thought this month's *Church Words* would include all four items.

The CHALICE is the large cup that holds the wine for drinking or distribution (dipping or pouring). Most chalices are kind of a wine glass, hourglass, or figure 8 shape. Sometimes you will see one that is shaped like the old Greek kraters (pronounced like crater), which is more of a footed bowl with two handles. The famous Ardagh and Antioch chalices are this shape, along with a small ceramic one that Pastor brought back from Iona in Scotland. Chalices with a lip cut into the edge so the wine can be poured into a smaller cup are called (get ready for it) *pouring chalices*. Grace has both ceramic and silver chalices, and our two largest silver chalices are pouring chalices.

The FLAGON holds the wine for filling the chalice. It is usually made of gold, silver, or ceramic (all of Grace's are silver) and is shaped like a pitcher, tankard, or jug. If it is made of glass, it is called a CRUET. These always have lids or stoppers. A pitcher without a lid or stopper is called a EWER (Ü'-er) and usually is used only for water to fill the baptismal font.

The PATEN (PA'-ten) is the plate that holds the bread or wafers. Again, these are made of gold, silver, or ceramic. All of Grace's are silver or ceramic. Patens are confusing because the size varies so much. Some of them are dinner-plate size which works well when a loaf of bread is used. Smaller ones are made so that they fit into the top of a matching chalice. We won't go into all the reasons for that right now, but one primary reason is that it makes it easier to move the chalice and paten around during worship and to set the table. Size varies based on whether bread or wafers are used for distribution of the bread. Which brings us to our next item.

A CIBORIUM (si-BOR'-ee-um) is the container that holds the wafers when they are not on a paten. Grace has a couple different ciboria (plural), all in silver or stainless steel. We have a large one that looks like a chalice with a lid, and a smaller one that looks like a large round pill box about four inches in diameter and about three inches high. Our third ciborium is smaller and holds gluten free wafers. You will notice this one because it is stainless steel and has a black "Chi Rho" (that's the X with the overlapping P) design. Gluten free wafers and regular wheat wafers must be kept in separate containers. This ciborium is small enough that it could also be considered a pyx (pronounced "picks"), which is a small container for wafers or (even smaller) for holy oil or carrying wafers for home communions. These are usually anywhere from one to three inches across and about an inch high.

So, on Sunday or when we have communion you will see a chalice, a flagon, and a paten or ciborium, depending on whether we are using wafers or bread. And you'll know what to go grab when someone says, "Pastor forgot the . . .".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to be responsible for changing the "Welcome" banners by the main entry doors. The banners by the main door get changed with the church seasons . and it takes about 10 minutes. The ones by the back door get changed quarterly and it takes about 5 minutes. Pastor will provide a schedule of which banner goes up when. The banners change by sliding the old banner out and the new banner in. Banner changes could be made after worship on Sunday morning or during the week at your convenience.

If you would be willing to help with the "Welcome" banners, please speak to Pastor.

NEW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Two new books have been added to the Church Library.

In Who Stole My Church by Gordon MacDonald, the story is told of a congregation facing rapid changes that are being forced on it by the changing culture and dynamics of age, piety, and technology. MacDonald walks through the process with the members of the congregation as the struggle to continue to claim their church from a congregation that is now unrecognizable from what it was a generation ago due to demographic and other changes. In the process, the congregation moves from “Who stole my church?” to “Our church has changed but it is still my church – just different.”

Anthony Robinson previously wrote Transforming Congregational Culture, which is a guideline for congregational leaders struggling with how the church can continue to be faithful in changing time and cultural shifts. In Changing the Conversation, Robinson poses the question, “What if we stopped asking what the congregation should DO and started asking what the congregation should BE?” Robinson argues that this simple shift in the conversation changes us from DOING what everybody else is doing and makes us look at what it truly means TO BE a disciple-making church that is grounded in our identity as God’s holy and priestly people. The DOING, Robinson argues, grows out of the BEING, and not the other way around. Once a congregation figures out who it is, the question of what it should do and why becomes more obvious and clearer.

Both books have two copies in the Church Library. Stop by and borrow one as we continue to think about what it means to be people of Grace.

ST. LUKES FOOD KITCHEN

Our ministry continues to branch out beyond the doors of our church building. Did you know that members of Grace Lutheran Church have been busy preparing and serving meals at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church on Wheeling Island three Sundays throughout the calendar year? This important ministry began in recognition of the need to provide meals for community members that had no other available resource on Sundays.

The Missions Committee has been committed to continuing this ministry. This year, we applied for a Thrivent Action Grant that aided in covering the cost of three nutritional meals. We would like to thank congregational members for providing delicious desserts that are enjoyed by many. Your support and participation in this ministry is a gift of grace to all those that gather in Jesus’ name.

Volunteers from Grace have included John and Lynn Ford, Brian and Vicki Crawford, Pat Franklin, Kim and Joe Kochy, Tami and Jim Tysk, and Jeanie Deem. In addition, other volunteers are needed to prepare deserts and salads and other items in advance of the day that Grace serves. These items are then taken along to St. Luke’s on that day.

If you would like to help with the St. Luke Soup kitchen, either by preparing something at home in advance or by going on one of the three Sundays assigned to Grace, please speak to Pastor or Brian Crawford.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The Food Pantry needs **Brown Paper Grocery Bags**. The use of paper bags make packing and transporting groceries safer and easier for our workers and those we help. The number of families we assist each month has increased and our bag surplus has depleted. You can help us by requesting paper bags when you do your shopping and then donating them to the Food Pantry. Thank you!

CHURCH PICNIC

Grace's annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 8 at the church. We are trying something new that we hope will become a tradition.

Several years ago, a fund was established by the former Zion congregation to build a picnic pavilion on the church grounds. That money has been set aside and grows only from the interest on the savings account.

It was suggested last year that instead of spending money to rent somewhere, now that we have an outside play area (thanks to the generous donation from the Pennybacker family) we hold the picnic at the Church and put the money we would have spent on a rental into the Shelter Fund to eventually build our own picnic shelter. The shelter would be located at the end of the courtyard adjacent to the prayer labyrinth and could be used for a variety of outdoor activities, including outdoor seating and entertainment for the Strawberry Festival.

The folks who coordinate the picnic each year were excited about being able to do the picnic on site and not have to move extra tables, power cords, serving utensils and table service.

So Grace's new tradition is **PICNIC SUNDAY!** Here are the rules:

Come to church dressed for a picnic (no bathing suits, please!)

Bring a covered dish to share. (Meat, rolls, and beverages will be provided.)

Be prepared to have fun!

That's it! So plan to be at church at our usual time on Sunday, September 8 for our first annual PICNIC SUNDAY!

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THE CHOIRS!

Both the adult vocal choir and the handbell choir will begin rehearsals in September. With so many things happening and "starting up" at Grace this fall, this is a GREAT time to consider joining one or the other (or both!) of these choirs that add so much to our worship on Sunday mornings.

The **vocal choir** rehearses in the choir room on Mondays at 6:30 pm, with the exception of Church Council meeting nights, when the choir has a shorter rehearsal beginning at 6 pm. We also meet in the choir room at 9:20 on Sunday mornings for a run-through of the music for that day. The first weekly choir rehearsal will be on **Monday, September 9th at 6:30 PM**; we may get together at a different time the week before to prepare for the church picnic on Sunday, September 8th. We will sing in the Sunday morning liturgy beginning on September 15th. If you would like to join the vocal choir but cannot come on September 9th, please contact Laurie Spence at 814-592-0198 or at 304-905-6188, or contact the church office.

The **handbell choir** will practice on Thursday evenings at 6:30 unless we need to change either the day or the time to accommodate new members' schedules. The first rehearsal for this group will be **Thursday, September 19th at 6:30 PM** in the nave. If you would like to join the handbell choir and have not rung bells before, contact Laurie at any of the numbers above to set up a beginner's "how-to" session before the first rehearsal.

The **Children's Choir** will begin rehearsals on November 13. This choir is for children in grades K through 6 and will meet on the second Sunday of each month during the Sunday School time. In addition to practicing songs and liturgical music for the Sunday morning liturgy, basic instruction in music is also offered during this time to help our children grow into future choir members. Children will also learn about rhythm instruments and other forms of musical expression.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 15

Sunday School will begin with a special “Kick-off” Fellowship time on September 15 to highlight what lies ahead for discipleship and to welcome our new members. Teachers will have information about each class available for review and will be able to share information with parents.

Regular Sunday School classes for all ages will begin on Sunday, September 22. Classes will be offered for pre-school, elementary, teens, and adults. Plans are to add a toddlers and parents class beginning in January.

In addition to several teachers who are returning, we still need a few teachers and substitutes. Volunteers may choose to work in teams rather than take an entire class by themselves.

A second adult class is planned for this year. While Pastor’s Bible Class will focus on particular books of the Bible, this second class will focus on topical issues and use guest speakers and videos. A “small group” format will be used to help with discussion and discipleship. Three volunteers are needed to be the “Class Committee” that will help organize and schedule for this second class in consultation with Pastor. The Class Committee will not necessarily be the teachers or leaders of the class but instead will help identify topics of interest and communicate that to Pastor to look for resources and outside presenters. If you would be willing to serve on the Class Committee, please speak to Pastor.

The Pastor’s Bible Class has finished working through the first seven books of the Old Testament (Genesis to Judges). Please bring your suggestions to the September 15 class as to which book(s) of the Bible or time period you would like to study next.

BANNERS DECORATE CHURCH

We want to thank the many people who contributed to the purchase of banners for the nave. The banners add color and messaging to our gathering. Several sets have been donated, although there are still a few “special occasion” banners we would like to buy, such as the Day of Pentecost, Reformation, and All Saints.

Meanwhile, banners have been purchased for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany Season, Baptism of our Lord, Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost Day (one of two), Holy Trinity, Ordinary Time (after Pentecost), and Thanksgiving.

One or two volunteers are needed to help with the banner changes, and Pastor has prepared a schedule that shows which banners go up when. Changes happen about once every 4 to 6 weeks (more often between November and April and less often between May and October), and it takes about a half hour to change both banners and store the old ones. Thanks to a creative pulley arrangement designed by Pastor and installed by Lutz Albrecht and Brad Weeks, one person can easily do the changes by him- or herself, but it is easier with two. Changes can be done at your convenience any time during the week before the change is needed. Please speak to Pastor if you would be willing to help with the banner changes.

We want to thank Pastor and Laurie (Advent and Mission banners), Brian and Vicki Crawford (in memory of Brian’s mother - Epiphany), Lutz and Doris Albrecht (Lent), Marjorie Wolf (in memory of Ed Wolf - Easter), Chris and Buffy Schenkel (in memory of Chris’s mother- Pentecost Season), Dennie and Donna Niess (Pentecost Season), and Nancy and Brad Weeks (Welcome banners) for their donation of banners. The Thanksgiving Banner and Christmas banners were provided by the congregation out of the Worship Committee budget. (Thanks also to Vicki Crawford who resealed six of the more than nearly 15 banners that did not match the same length as the others. This is only important because they drooped when hung on the double-sided banner stand by the main entry door. They look great!)

ROVING GREETERS

Council has adopted the idea of a "Roving Greeter". The role for this person is to be attentive to guests AFTER they have been greeted at the door and BEFORE they get to the entry of the nave, or after the service during Fellowship.

"Roving Greeters" watch for people who seem alone, not sure of where to go, or hesitant about participating or engaging. These should be people who are naturally friendly, attend fairly regularly (at least several times each month), and are positive about our church. On any given Sunday they may have nothing to do or they may be busy.

Ideally, we would have three or four "Roving Greeters". These people would not be assigned a week (like the door greeters) but would function in that position whenever they are present. A short training session will be held to help Roving Greeters understand what to look for and how to respond in the best possible way.

Also, Council has suggested that greeters be given name tags so that visitors can identify people who are approachable with questions and information.

Witness Committee will be planning a Greeter Training event for later this fall. We will be contacting all greeters as soon as that date is set.

If you would be willing to be identified as a "Roving Greeter", please speak to Pastor.

THRIVENT HARDY MUM SALE

Proceeds to benefit Grace's Hospitality Station in the Martin Luther Room. Mums are from Wagner's Greenhouse in Hickory, PA. Various colors available, with 9" pots being \$6.00 each and the 1/2 Bushel Baskets being \$20.00 each. Orders with payment are due no later than Sunday, September 29, 2019 and forms are located at the Welcome desk. Checks should be made out to "Thrivent". Contact Kim Kochy (304.277.1174) or Minnie Taylor (304.277.4556) with questions.

THINGS TO REMEMBER/ONGOING ACTIVITIES

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Save "Box tops for Education" from food and other products for our "Partners in Education" partner, Bethlehem Elementary School. "Box tops" can be left in the bin under the Welcome Desk.

CANS FOR WATCH

Grace members are collecting aluminum cans for WATCH. They will crush, recycle, and use the proceeds for client events. Please bring them at any time, and place them in the large box behind the kitchen door.

RIESBECK GIFT CARDS

Riesbeck Gift Cards to benefit Thrivent are available from either Judith Myers or Tami Tysk.

GAME DAY

A free Game Day is held on the last Thursday of every month, between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. You can play our games or bring your own. For more information, call 304-233-2990 or 304-242-2632.

GRACE GUYS

The Grace Guys will meet in on September 14th at 8:30 AM.

POWER **PRAYER**



PRAYER LIST

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Henri Fontaine
Michael & Brittany Shank
Stephanie Moore-Vetanze
Andrew Lemasters
Barbara Knollinger
Jodi Ennis (Hunt)
Dona'e Albert
Nick Riggle
Jim Gallaher & Family
Jason Neuhardt
Melody Holiday
Maxine Gregorini

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Andrew Pennybacker 09/09
Dennis Niess 09/10
Minnie Taylor 09/15
Donald Taylor 09/19
Tami Tysk 09/21

Linda Porter 09/21
Amanda Beckett 09/25
Marjorie Wolf 09/27
Drew Beckett 09/28
Tim Spence 09/28

GRACE COUNCIL 2019

Nancy Weeks *Tami Gallaher*
Lutz Albrecht *Kathy Sheller*
Casey Young *Dennis Niess*
Marjorie Wolf *Linda Dunnell*
Diane "Dee" Coughlan



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Mary Stees 09/01
Chris and Elizabeth Schenkel 09/16
Brian and Vicki Crawford 09/22
Thomas and Jane McGaughy 09/24
Chris and Denise Albrecht 09/25

RETIRING AFTER 40 YEARS

Joe Kochy and family extends an open invitation to the members and friends of Grace Lutheran Church to join us in celebrating the retirement of Kim Kochy from Ohio County Schools after 40 years of service. The event will be from 1 pm to 6 pm at the Levenson Shelter, Oglebay Park (Site 1) on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Come anytime to help us celebrate Kim's outstanding career and well-deserved retirement. We hope to see you there (and no gifts please).



SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10:00 AM Birthdays & Anniversaries 11:10 AM	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 Baton Twirling 6:00 PM	4	5 Strands of Comfort 10:00 AM Stitchers with Love 10:00 AM	6 Church Women United Meeting 11:00 AM	7
8 Worship 10:00 AM PICNIC SUNDAY Shepherd's Meeting 12:30 PM	9 Dance 5:00 PM Vocal Choir 6:30 PM	10 Baton Twirling 6:00 PM	11	12 Stitchers with Love 10:00 AM Worship Committee Meeting 1:00 PM	13	14 Grace Guys 8:30 AM
15 Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 11:10 AM Sunday School	16 Dance 5:00 PM Vocal Choir 6:00 PM Council Meeting	17 Baton Twirling 6:00 PM	18 Women of the ELCA Bible Study 10:00 AM	19 Bell Choir 6:30 PM Strands of Comfort 10:00 AM Stitchers with Love 10:00 AM	20	21
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SAVE THE DATE!

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New Members will be received on September 15th. If you would like to become an “Official” part of the Grace Lutheran community, please speak to Pastor Spence (304. 242.5830).

Baptism of Cora Nelson on September 29th!

