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NEWSPAPER TREATMENT

CALENDAR - Oct. 12-18

Friday

Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor6:30 a.m.
 NA Home Group—Stafford Room 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

Birthday Party—Fellowship Hall2:00 p.m.
 Worship—Chapel6:00 p.m.

Pentecost 21

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-22

Worship—Nave7:45 a.m.
 Blood Pressures—Kitchen8:30 a.m.
 Kyrie Bells—Balcony8:30 a.m.
 Christian Formation9:00 a.m.
 Worship—Nave10:30 a.m.
 Matu—Chapel1:00 p.m.
 NA Home Group—Fellowship Hall7:00 p.m.

Monday

Staff Meeting—Office10:00 a.m.
 Dramability—Auditorium5:00 p.m.
 Gloria Bells—Balcony6:30 p.m.
 Finance—Stafford7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

ESL—Auditorium10:00 a.m.
 Soccer Shots—Auditorium3:30 p.m.
 Child Care Staff Mtg.—Parlor5:30 p.m.
 Lanc. Flute—Fellowship Hall7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.
 Sanctus Bells—Balcony6:30 p.m.

Thursday

ESL Class—3rd Floor Ed Building10:00 a.m.
 Small Group—Stafford10:00 a.m.
 Grace Choir—Balcony7:15 p.m.
 Band Practice—Stafford8:30 p.m.



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Attendance for Worship

Worship 16 / 30 / 113 = 159
 Sunday School 45

Environmental Concerns

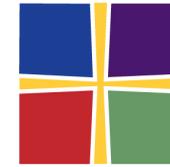
Our Mother Earth is currently facing lot of environmental concerns. The environmental problems like global warming, acid rain, air pollution, urban sprawl, waste disposal, ozone layer depletion, water pollution, climate change and many more affect every human, animal and nation on this planet.

Here are 25 of the most important environmental concerns to keep an eye on today.

16: Natural Resource Depletion: Non-renewable resources are limited and will get expired one day. Consumption of fossil fuels at an alarming rate can lead to global warming which can further result in melting of polar ice caps and increase in sea levels.

17: Natural Disasters: Natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, cyclones, volcanic eruption can be unpredictable, devastating and can cause irreparable damage. They can cause huge loss of life and property

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Dates to Remember:
Education Building Steering Team - Presentation and Dessert
October 24, 2018 7:00p.m. in the Library
Congregational Meeting for 2019 Budget and Renovation Approvals
November 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Hungry

The motto of our Lower Susquehanna Synod is “Where the hungry are fed as we have been feed by Christ.” It’s a little confusing: Who are the hungry? Who is the “WE?” What kind of hungers are we talking about?

In the Holy Scriptures of Israel, the law and prophets are mightily concerned that God’s people work hard to make sure that no one goes hungry. The law requires that the poor be allowed to glean food that has been purposefully left for them in the fields, the law requires a tithe to the temple, the law requires God’s people to “open your hand to the poor” (Deut. 15). The prophet Isaiah interprets with eloquence when he writes: “...if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday” (Isaiah 58).

The four gospels include many parables and teachings of Jesus that amplify this point of Jewish faith. But Jesus, aware of the place of hunger as both a physical and spiritual reality, often uses the reality of physical hunger and the act of feeding to teach the deeper spiritual truths of God’s Kingdom. His feeding of the 5000 was not just an act of mercy, but a sign of God’s kingdom drawing near. His teaching about himself in John 6, most of which we read in worship during the weeks August, circles around again and again to the connection between knowing Jesus, knowing God, and being fed. And one of the last things he did with his disciples was command that they remember him by eating and drinking together, sharing a loaf and cup that are given, in God’s Spirit, the promise to share God’s presence in both a physical, healing and saving way: “This is my body, given...this is my blood, shed for you.”

So we can sum up: through our physical hunger, from which none of us is ever far away if we miss even a single meal or snack, God has much to teach us about sharing with our neighbor and about yearning for the fulfillment of all that we “hunger” for - relationship, peace, justice, forgiveness, healing, wholeness, community - in God’s Kingdom.

On the weekend of October 20-21, we will lift up ministries whose goal is to feed those who are hungry for food. Here at Grace, we offer a community meal each week. Many other organizations exist to address hunger’s root causes in the world, and to solve the pangs of hunger with a much wider scope. Through our regular weekly offerings as well as special appeals, each of us can share, can “open our hand to the poor” in ways that are meant both to solve the problem of hungry neighbors nearby, today, as well as working to solve the problems that create hunger and sustain it in the first place: Bread for the World, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald

Grace Lutheran has had a long beautiful relationship with our local Lutheran campground in Colebrook PA.



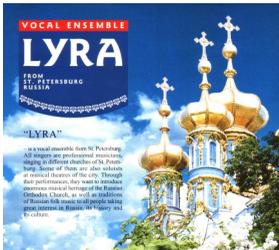
It is where our Confirmands go to camp and where the faith lives of many youth have been changed forever. Why? It is wonderful mixture of outdoor beauty, adventure and faith conversations.

What would adults experience if they participated in Fall Foliage day at Kirchenwald? The choice is up to you! Walk around and explore, stay close to the pavilion and make crafts, play games on the field (including the corn hole competition), hay rides, climbing wall, fish in the pond, explore the streams, great conversations and then return to the pavilion for a wonderful warm meal. All in one afternoon!!

It takes 40 minutes to drive there and we will be taking the church van if you want to come along. If you would rather go on your own the address is 1 cut off road, Colebrook PA.

Come spend an afternoon in a beautiful setting (whether it rains, shines, or snows) with God and neighbor. RSVP with Vicki, Kath or on paper in Narthex. Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald, October 21, 2-7 pm or any part of that time.

Music at Grace



LYRA ~ RUSSIAN VOCAL ENSEMBLE
Sunday, October 21, 2018
4:00 P.M.

These singers from St. Petersburg Conservatory will share the enormous musical heritage of the Russian Orthodox Church and traditional Russian folk music.

SUNDAY SOCIALS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 2018

On November 4th, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for conversation, different kinds of soups and breads. If you would like to make a soup or bring bread or butter, please list what item you will make/bring on the sign-up paper, which is located in the church's narthex. (A little inkle is Lou Loiseau will make a delicious fish chowder.)

Our social for December 2 will combine a meal and crafts/projects for Advent. The Advent meal will be provided by Grace Church members and it will begin immediately after church, which is a different approach from prior years of celebrating Advent. The Advent crafts and projects will begin after the meal. More details will come later!



Prayer List

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

For healing from illness or surgery this week: Nanci Eriksson, Barb & Ed Krimmel, Lewis Oswald, George Ries, Nataleigh Roberts, Pyhllis Stahl, Bev Wagaman

Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers: Charles Albright, Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, John & Dolores Byers, Earl Dinger, Rose Fasig, George Fraser, Jr., Ruth Galebach, Barry Gentzler, George & Judy Hansalik, Carl Hartman, Ellen Hines, Barbara Kline, Joyce Loiseau, Tom Miller, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Joseph Nolt, Mike Ober, Chris Payonk, Myrna Pierson, Karin Randazzo, Bonnie Ries, Jean Schaum, Dave Schober, Corey Smith, Jay Smoker, Donna Snyder, Harvey & Pat Stewart, Emma Stumpf, Gwen Tabbutt, Peter & Suzanne Verkouw, Carolyn Wenger, Joan Wissler, Janet Wood

Stewardship Snippets

Oct. 14, 2018 (21st Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

Mark 10:24b, 25 – Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God."



When he talks about money, Jesus frequently uses words of warning. Why does wealth hinder rich people from entering the Kingdom of God? How are you managing? How can we, as steward-disciples, do better?

STEWARDSHIP

Grocery Card Ministry!



THANK YOU for your purchases of shopping cards!
Grocery cards are available every Sunday morning or by calling ...
Duane and Kitty Weiss at (717) 464-2536.



Annual Fall Clean Up!



Saturday October 27, 2018 8:30 a.m.

Your help is needed!
Please come for all or part of the day.
Lots of jobs to do - fun for the entire family!
Inside, outside, all around the church!



This is a wonderful opportunity for a family service project! Jobs for every age and ability! Join our property team for a day of service. Many hands make quick work!