

Good News from Grace

August 2025

Let's talk about Brother Lawrence. Not to be confused by Deacon Lawrence, who in a previous sermon, I talked about him being cooked alive, and when he felt that he was fully cooked on one side, he famously said; "Turn me over, I am done on this side!" That wild human was not Brother Lawrence. But in some dark humor, Deacon Lawrence is the patron saint of cooks, not Brother Lawrence, true story. Brother Lawrence had very humble beginnings, as he started his spiritual journey as a humble cook. With so many learned individuals in the religious space in Rome at the time, it was easy to overlook the spiritual intelligence and awareness of the laity. Even though Brother Lawrence didn't have a fancy degree in religion or spirituality, he had a divine gift; the gift of spiritual discipline and awareness. Brother Lawrence's goal in life was to be conscious of the presence of God in all things. For Lawrence, spirituality was not limited to going to church, praying on ones knees, or doing stereotypical spiritual disciplines. Instead, he found the presence of God in the acts of chopping carrots, scrubbing pots and pans, handing food to the hungry and all of those acts of service that so often go unnoticed. He said, "Our sanctification...does not depend upon changing our works, but in doing for God's sake that which we commonly do for our own." Basically, do what you are good at in the secular world, and do it for God. Brother Lawrence teaches us the importance of the ministry and gifts of all of God's people, not just Pastor's, Deacons and the Religious (Nuns, Monks, etc). The Pastor is not the church, the people are, and Brother Lawrence reminds us to not allow our human designed hierarchies to get in the way of witnessing and lifting up the gifts that all people have been given by God, for God's people. We together are the church, all of us matter, all of us are needed, all of us are called to do God's work in the world. We all have a vocation to serve God and neighbor in the ways that we are called. No one way of service, prayer, or spirituality is right or wrong. God is big enough for all the ways that God is calling God's people into relationship. As with all things that God asks of us, this is easier said than done. But whether or not we are successful in realizing this goal, the direction should never change. The desire to bring all people together into community under the love of God should never stop being our goal. And the way that we can accomplish this, is by allowing God to speak through all who come with open hearts for God and God's people as we use our gifts for the glory of God and God's creation, just like Brother Lawrence did. Thank you for all that you do for God's church, the gifts, the wisdom, the passion, and the pursuit of being who God calls us to be in this world.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Chad Butz



Join Us for Worship

IN-PERSON Saturdays at 5:00pm Sundays at 9:30am

or

Sundays via <u>Live Stream</u>
Services are also available on
<u>Grace's YouTube</u> page
after Sunday Worship

Faith Formation

Children & Youth
Faith Formation is twice a
month at 10:45am from
September - May.
Adult Faith Formation
is at 10:45am year round.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour is on hiatus from June - August. It will resume in September.

If you and/or your family would like to host contact the office by 7/31/2025 to be added.

Our Purpose
The purpose of our church
is to make a difference by
serving others through
God's love and our faith.

Jesus' transforming presence

"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'" (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector's curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

This is why the people had such disdain for Jewish tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus' own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. This is where the transformation is about to take place! Notice how Jesus does it. He does not

preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus' approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus! Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship

This Month at Grace

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for AUGUST is given by Brian & Lori Small in honor of granddaughter Emilia's 18th birthday.

The Special Benevolence Offering for AUGUST is LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE. To contribute please list the dollar amount next to Special Offering Ministry and write your choice under comments, pay online at https://www.gracecamphill.org/give or use the this QR Code to give now.

2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

Fresh Altar flowers will only be purchased if a Sunday is sponsored. All Altar Flower sponsorship requests MUST be received two weeks prior to the date you wish to sponsor. Altar Flower Sponsorships are \$45, Bulletin & Mailing Weekly Sponsorships are \$30, and the Sanctuary Lamp Monthly Sponsorships are \$21. ALL sponsorships can be paid for online, by mail, or by dropping an envelope in the offering at a worship service.



To view available dates for 2025 go to https://www.gracecamphill.org/sponsorships. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the available weeks or months you can sign up in the parking lot hallway by the elevator or by contacting Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.



Council Report - Annual Congregational Meeting

- 1. During the Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted on and welcomed four new Council Members: Pat O'Neal, Steve Behr, Ben Galle & Jill Manlove.
- 2. The Congregation approved the expenditure of \$45,000 to update the technology needed to live-stream the services and to upgrade the speakers and displays in the Sanctuary.
- 3. The next Council Meeting will be August 2025. Brigitte Storey, Secretary



Second Quarter Update for Grace's 2025 Pledge Receipts

As for the second quarter, Grace received 55.1% of the total dollar amount pledged for 2025. Twelve families giving units of the total 84 giving units which pledged have now met their annual pledge amounts for 2025. The Finance and Stewardship Ministry thank the congregation for their continued support of Grace's mission which is, "we make a difference by serving others through God's Love and our faith." Bill Robison, Chair



At the June Congregational Meeting, the project to improve audio and video within the sanctuary was approved. The project is estimated to be about \$46,000.00 and will provide permanent fixtures and bring the church to current day technology.

To date there is approximately \$ 16,972.00 in the fund to offset the project cost.

Please consider financially supporting the tech improvements by contributing to "Grace Tech Ministry" online, by mail or dropping in the offering at a worship service. Please contact Bryan Weber at bweber98@hotmail.com should you have any questions. Bryan Weber, Chair

Grace's Council 2025 - 2026

Council Executive Committee



Marti Bert President



Jared Weber Vice President



Brigitte Storey Secretary



Kelly Walker Treasurer



Julie Flook



Christin Heidingsfelder



Keith Snavely



Bonnie Barton



George B. Osswald

New Council Members



Jill Manlove



Steve Behr



Pat O'Neal



Ben Galle



We hold in prayer especially this month....

Michelle Sutter, Mary Mensah, Amy Vogel, Judi Fenicle, Helen Titzel, Jessica Ambrose, Dave Rowland, Alice M., and Dean Jury.

We Hold in Ongoing prayer this month....

Tiffany & Abigail, Lillian Galle, Edmund, Nancy, Mark Weber, Bruce Hafer, Tammy Blauvelt, Susan Atwood, Pete Psichogis, Paul & Linda Glance, and Kay King.

We also hold our homebound in prayer this month...

Gladys Cline, Joan Harman, Howard Lauver, Lou Lore, Patti Reed, Bob Rhodes, Mary Louise Shetter, and Dorothy Shreffler.

Prayer List Additions

Everyone appreciates prayer, but not everyone wishes to be added to the "out loud" prayers. If you are aware of a member of Grace who could benefit from being added to the prayers please let Pastor Chad know. He will contact the individual to find out whether they wish to be added to the "out loud" prayers or "ongoing prayers".

Praying for our Homebound Members

The pastoral staff wishes to lift up this special group of members on a regular basis during the prayers. Each week, a group of homebound members will be included in the "out loud" prayers.

God can handle your doubt, anger, fear, grief, confusion, and questions. You can bring everything to him in prayer

-Rick Warren

Prayer List Policy

....sometimes we forget to tell others that someone has healed...
Let's be good stewards of our prayer list. If someone has healed, or if someone has moved on to eternal life, please let the church office know. Names will automatically be moved to the ongoing prayers after a month on the weekly prayers, which are read out loud during worship. They will then be remove from the ongoing prayers after another month unless you let us know to keep praying.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS



Do you enjoy taking photographs? If so consider becoming part of the Grace Photography Team
We are looking for volunteers to take photographs during worship at the Community Meal and Grace Giving Pantry. at Children & Youth meetings and events and for Special events such as Movie Night and Fall Fest
These images would be used for the various Social Media platforms. Please contact Diane at 717-737-0439x15 or ddeppen@gracecamphillorg if interested in joining the team!

MUTUAL MINISTRY MEMBER SLIDE SHOW

Send in your photographs (ipg file) for the Member Slide Show that will be running in the Library TV. This will help new and old members as well as visitors get to know one another's names and faces.

Note If you are unable to send in a jpg image then contact us and we can take on for you!





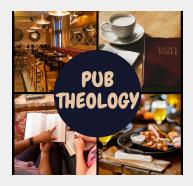
Faith Formation - Adult Sundays at 10:45am in the Small Conference Room

The Adult Faith Formation is on a Summer Hiatus. It will resume in September. Watch the Grace Notes and Good News from Grace Newsletter for the Fall schedule.



Faith Formation - Children & Youth SEPTEMBER - MAY

Grace's Faith Formation program for Children & Youth is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September. Watch the Grace Notes and Good News from Grace for the Fall schedule. However, there are still multigenerational events occurring.



Pub Theology

There are currently two groups for Pub Theology.

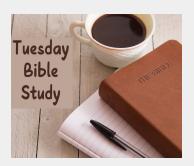
GROUP 1 Group 2

August 18, 2025 at 6:30pm August 19 at 6:30pm

Location TBD Lancaster Brewing Company

(469 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg)

For more information regarding Pub Theology contact Pastor Chad pastorchad@gracecamphill.org



Tuesday Bible Study September - May 1pm in the Library

Tuesday Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer. It will resume in September after Rally Day. Watch the Grace Notes and newsletter for more information.



Wine & Cheese Night

Held one Saturday a month when sponsored. If you wish to sponsor a Wine & Cheese night please sign up outside the Barkley Chapel entrance form the church library.



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Regional Vice President

Saturday, September 13, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Grace Social Hall (Downstairs)

To reserve your space RSVP with your

Name, Phone Number and Email

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IS LIMITED, SO CALL OR
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YOUR SPOT AT THIS
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LOCATION:

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 1610 Carlisle Road Camp Hill, PA 17011

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Maria Naylor

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Services available include retirement income planning, mutual funds, annuities, managed accounts, 529 plans, 401(k) plans and cash balance plans.

Maria has always had a passion for helping individuals, families, businesses and communities. In her former career as a cardiac nurse practitioner, Maria developed trusting and caring relationships with her patients. She now cultivates that same rapport with every client as they prepare for a secure financial future.

Since 2002, she has been committed to delivering financial advice and solutions to clients with the highest integrity. Her goal is to help clients feel confident about their investment decisions. She does this by getting to know and understand the needs, wants and goals of each client. Maria then develops a comprehensive plan using a range of options that help her serve the varying investment needs of clients. By taking advantage of these various options, along with client education and superior service, Maria is committed to providing clients with greater peace of mind, knowing they have a solid, investment plan. Her conviction is to work for every client as she would for her own family.

Maria's desire is to have a greater impact on her faith, family and community. She feels led and motivated to serve families by helping them build and protect wealth. She strives to meet and exceed every client's expectations, and wants each client to value her as their trusted advisor.

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Youth Food Cards

Karns, Weis Markets and Giant grocery cards in the dollar amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100 are available at the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon.

If paying with cash please have the exact change. At this time we are unable to accept credit cards.





GYG For all youth aged 6th - 12th Grade

1st & 3rd Sunday/Month 5pm - 7:30pm (Calendar May be Adjusted)

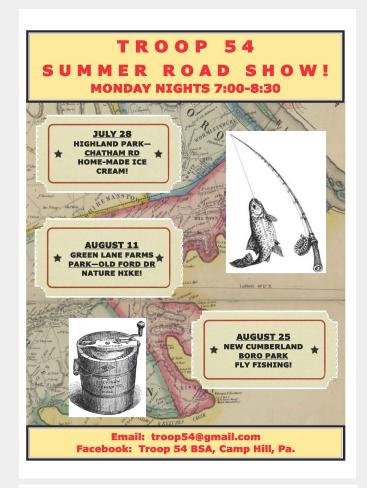
Please contact Ethan Lentz with any questions Ethan.Lentz@gracecamphill.org
Stay up to date by following us on Facebook, Instagram and Join our Band chat
to join in the community!



Lutheran Community for Middle Schoolers

ALIVE 2025 September 26-28 @ Camp Nawakwa
For all Youth entering 6th 7th and 8th Grade
Please follow QR code to register for event with Grace Youth Group.
Additional forms will come once registered.
With any questions please contact Ethan Lentz at
Ethan.Lentz@gracecamphill.org







Be happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more. Mother Teresa



Calling all singers and ringers! We will be starting choir and bell choir on Thursday, September 4th. These groups are open to anyone who loves music, fellowship, and working together. You do not have to be able to read music or have a musical background. If you are interested in being in one of these groups please join us on September 4th! If you are unsure, feel free to come check them out. If you are worried about scheduling or consistent commitment, please know that we are understandable of schedules, flexible and always welcome your participation.

Bell choir rehearsal will be at 6:00pm on Thursday evenings in the balcony, and choir rehearsal will be at 7:00pm on Thursday evenings downstairs in the choir room. Signs are posted directing you to the correct place if you are new to these rehearsal spaces.

To kick off our first Thursday of rehearsals we will provide light dessert refreshments for both groups (bells and choir).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at k.e.hartman11@gmail.com.

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music." - Martin Luther

Blessings, Kris & Emily Hartman

Grace's Newest Members



Steve & Lu Behr



Lisa Reeves



Front Row: Matt & Mia Hooper

Back Row: Carol Bartoski, Sarah Chesky, Matt Hooper, Jane & Ron

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Let's Celebrate our August Birthdays.

We have some monumental birthday this month. Richard "Dick" Hoff turns 94, Jean Gross turns 91, Lloyd Hench turns 90, and Pat Good turns 91. Please take a moment to wish them a happy birthday with a telephone call or by mailing a card to:

Richard Hoff Jean Gross
200 St. Luke Drive 129 Valley View Drive
Apt. 403 Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Lititz, PA 17543

Lloyd Hench Pat Good
1520 Amherst Court 401 Brook Circle
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-8347 Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Richard Hoff Judy Crowell-Allen Kinsey Hall Jean Gross Garry Ann Hearn Patti Savastio Karen Osswald Judi Fenicle Karen Galle Lloyd Hench Debra Taylor Wendy Evans Lehman Robert Bozart (Christine) Brandon Kauffman **Lesly Richards David Taylor** Lori Weber Jennifer Wright Jason Pringle Liliana Vogelsong Griffin Artz Raelyn Flook Beth Helman Edward Hurst (Gayle) MaKenzie Seeger Lester Richards Howard Bernstein Pat Good Jenny Castillo Cato Susan Atwood Henry Sheaffer Chris Graf Scott Brickell Joel Ryder Matt Little George Ringer

If you would like to know the birth day, contact the church office for the member birthday at 717-737-0439.





FRIDAY
15TH AUG
7:30PM





Fort Hunter Park 5300 North Front Street, Harrisburg Fridays, August 2025

This series will highlight local performing arts organizations and a summer movie series. Pack a picnic basket (or purchase from our food concessions), bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy an evening of family fun! These events are FREE for everyone to attend. On movie nights, The Friends of Fort Hunter Park will sell popcorn, candy and beverages to benefit Fort Hunter Park. On performance nights we will have a dessert/snack food truck.

FRIDAY AUG. 1 AT 7PM*

Central PA Friends of Jazz presents

""Third Stream"

Food Trucks: 6-8pm

FRIDAY, AUG. 15 AT 7PM*

Susquehanna Fold Music Society presents

"Cumberland Honey"

Food Trucks: 6-8pm

FRIDAY, AUG. 8 AT 8:30PM*

Despicable Me - PG Rated

1 hour, 34 min

Movie Snacks: 7pm

FRIDAY, AUG. 22 AT 8:30PM*

Mufasa: The Lion King - Rated PG

1 hour, 58 min

Movie Snacks: 7pm

*Note: In the event of inclement weather, we will decide whether to postpone the event on that day around 1pm. Typically, the rain date will be on Sunday of the same weekend. Any updates due to weather can be found on the <u>Dauphin County Parks & Recreation Facebook page</u>.



The Grace Giving Pantry will be closed on Wednesday, Aug. 13. Normal hours will resume on Wed. Aug. 20

Follow Grace Giving Pantry on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/TheGivingPantry



There will not be a Community Meal in August.

Meals will resume on September 10.

To view menu's each month go to https://www.gracecamphill.org/service

Mission Statement

We are inspired to live out our faith by the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.". 'Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Upcoming Events

Music On the Mountain - Bluegrass: Knuckle Dusters & Baileys Crossing

Aug. 3 | 2:00 - 6:30pm | FREE | Kings Gap Environmental Education Center (500 Kings Gap Road, Carlisle) Bring your lawn chair or blanket to the top of the mountain to enjoy an afternoon of great music. Food vendors will be ready to serve you. Concerts are held rain or shine. The concerts are free, but donations are kindly accepted.

Summer Concert Series at Historic Peace Church

Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 | 3pm | FREE | Peace Church (Corner of Trindle Road & St. John's Church Road, Camp Hill) The concerts are held outdoors, and the historic church will be open to explore. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for comfortable outdoor seating. Concerts are free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Please check the <u>Friends of Peace Church Facebook</u> page for updates regarding the weather.

72 Annual Old Tyme Festival

August 6-9 | Wed. & Thurs. 4-10pm/Friday & Saturday 4-11pm | Lisburn Community Fire Company (1800 Main Street, Lisburn)

Wednesday is Ride Night, but rides are available as well Thursday - Saturday with tickets. Games for all ages, Hay Rides, Bingo and Tractor Parade. Silent Auction & Book Sale. Vendors selling arts, crafts & more! Music & Bands every night. Great food. Credit cards accepted in small pavilion, large pavilion, and Sausage and LCFC Fire Tent. Check our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/LisburnFire) for more details regarding this event.

<u>Summer Concert On the Lawn - Shea Quinn & Friends: Celebrating the Life and Music of Shawn</u> Quinn

August 7 | 7pm | FREE | Fredricksen Library (100 N. 19th Street, Camp Hill)

Welcome to an evening of music in a special tribute to Shea's brother, Shawn, front man and lead vocals in the band, The Pikers (1979-1981). Band members joining the performance include: Daryl Beam/guitar, Frank Shafner/keyboards, Kirk Hassinger/drums, Rosemary Boyle/vocals. This is a happening you won't want to miss. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! The Teen Advisory Group will be selling popcorn and refreshments or feel free to bring your own. Concerts are held on the lawn next to the lower parking lot.

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