



Good News from Grace

NOVEMBER 2025

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. -John 3:16

I have been asked on more than one occasion, why don't Lutherans talk about Heaven a lot? My immediate answer usually is; because Jesus never really talked about what Heaven would be like. It's hard to talk about Heaven and what it is like, if we do not have a good representation of what it is like from our Savior. Jesus mentioned it as a paradise, but paradise could mean anything, and everyone's version of paradise is different. So it really isn't clear on what Heaven is like. But there is also another reason, and that is because I don't think Jesus wants us to be concerned about what Heaven is like. What I mean by that is that Jesus does not want us to make up our own fantasy heavens where our wildest dreams and realities come true. I find that a lot of our imagery for heaven is about abundance of everything, and being able to consume as much as we want of whatever we want. There are some things that I do believe heaven is like, such as the removal of suffering, the ability to see loved ones again, and the best part, being in the fullness of God. But beyond that, I just don't think exploring Heaven is all that helpful. I truly believe that Jesus wants us to have our focus and our intentions more on bringing Heaven to earth, than escaping earth to get to heaven. What I mean by that, is that we are called to live as heavenly people on earth now. If we spend too much of our time focusing on escaping this world, we will lose our current calling to be a part of God's work in this world here and now. For me, Heaven is a comfort. It is a promise that after this life, there will be something worthwhile and better. It is a comfort to know that this world is not the end, and that death no longer holds power over us. But God doesn't call us to live a certain way so that we can get to heaven. God calls us to live a certain way, so that we can help bring heaven to earth. November 2nd is All Saints Sunday, and I find it very clever of the Lectionary authors to include the Beatitudes as the Gospel for that Sunday. It is a reminder that how we live today matters. Not for our ability to enter Heaven, Jesus already took care of that for us. But for our ability to live in a way that will bring heaven to earth

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chad

Grace Tech Ministries



As of October we can officially announce that because of extremely generous donors, we have paid off the Tech Upgrades in the Sanctuary! Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to this much needed upgrade. This upgrade not only enhances our online presence of which we average 50 people a Sunday, it also greatly improves our ability to worship in person with the Liturgy and Hymns presented on 3 televisions. Which allow not only the congregation to follow along, but the choir and worship assistants as well! Great things have also been spoken of how clear the sound system is as well! Thank you so much to the Tech Committee and all of their hard work in obtaining the quotes, to council for their leadership, to all who helped organize the installation, and all of those who gave and organized the funds. Please remember that technology is ever changing. With that said future financial support to technology will always be welcomed. If you find it in your heart to contribute, please note "Grace Tech Ministry" on your contribution. If you have any questions or ideas, etc. contact Bryan Weber.

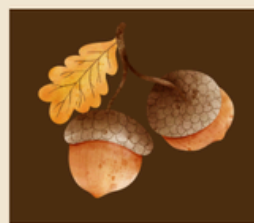
Thank you all for making Grace a more welcoming and accessible place to worship!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Chad Butz

FALL FEST

AT KENTLAND

NOVEMBER
2
5PM - 8PM



Come enjoy a fun filled evening with a chili cookoff*, crafts, a scavenger hunt, dinner, and a campfire with of course s'mores!

***If participating in chili cookoff bring a (1) crockpot of chili**



Join us on Sunday, November 2 from 5-8pm for Fall Fest at the Kentland Retreat Center (1022 E. Winding Hill Road, Mechanicsburg). There will be fall crafts, a scavenger hunt, campfire with s'mores, a chili cookoff and much more. A great time for the whole family!

Please go to the Events Page at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events> to sign up or sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board in the Parking Lot hallway.



Join Us for Worship

IN - PERSON

Saturdays at 5:00pm
in Barkley Chapel

Sundays at 9:30am
in the Sanctuary

or

Sundays via Live Stream

Services are also
available on Grace's
YouTube page
after Sunday worship



Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour runs
September - May before
and after Sunday
Morning Worship.

If you and/or your family
would like to host a
coffee hour contact the
office.

Our Purpose

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

This Month at Grace

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for NOVEMBER is given by Brian & Lori Small in honor of granddaughter Saunee's 13th birthday.

The Special Benevolence Offering for NOVEMBER is ELCA WORLD HUNGER. To contribute please list the dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* or us this QR code to give now or pay online at www.gracecamphill.org and select Online Giving under the Give tab.



Give Now

2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

Fresh Altar flowers will only be purchased if a Sunday is sponsored. All Altar Flower sponsorships requests MUST be received two weeks prior to the date you wish to sponsor. Altar Flower Sponsorships are \$45, Bulletin & Mailing 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 you can check the sign up sheets next to the elevator or on the website at:
<https://www.gracecamphill.org/pages/sponsorship>

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the available dates you can sign up next to the elevator or by contacting Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x 15 or ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.

Please note that we have added two columns to the Altar Flower Sponsorship sign up sheet. We are asking you to indicate by checking a box whether or not you plan to take the flowers you have sponsored home or if you would like them to take them to members of the congregation.



Travel to Greece: October 17-24, 2026

Travel with Pastor Chad and Pastor Evan to Greece and follow in the footsteps of St. Paul, October 17-24, 2026. One of our first stops will be Phillippi (Acts 16) where God opened the heart of Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She and her household were the first Christian converts on European soil. Later we will visit a Roman-era crypt, thought to be the site where Paul and Silas were imprisoned and miraculously freed by an earthquake. Contact Pastor Chad (pastorchad@gracecamphill.org) or Pastor Evan (pastorevan47@gmail.com or 717-497-3742) for more information about the tour.



*When you are in the dark, listen, and
God will give you a very precious
message.*

Osswald Chambers



We hold in prayer especially this month...

Mary Mensah, Amy Vogel, Dave Rowland, Alice M., and Dean Jury.

We hold in Ongoing prayer this month...

Kelsey Waters, Shirley Davis, Carole Orendorf, Ed & Elaine Klemmer, Richard Slabonik, Judi Fenicle, Mary, 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 Policy

...sometimes you 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. They will be removed from the ongoing prayers after another month unless you notify us.

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.

**pray
without
ceasing**

THESSALONIANS 5:17

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 the "ongoing" prayers.



Council Actions - October 2025

Council discussed various property needs as presented by Mike Ryder and Don Schell and various ways to finance the needed repairs. The various suggestions will be presented to the Congregation at the January 2026 Congregational Meeting.

Council approved the replenishment of the Pastor's Benevolence fund by \$1000 from the Council Endowment fund.

Council approved funding to finish the library renovations.

Brigitte Storey
Secretary

FROM THE TREASURER



Members of Grace,

We have received generous donations to cover the costs of our tech upgrades! Thank you all for your support.

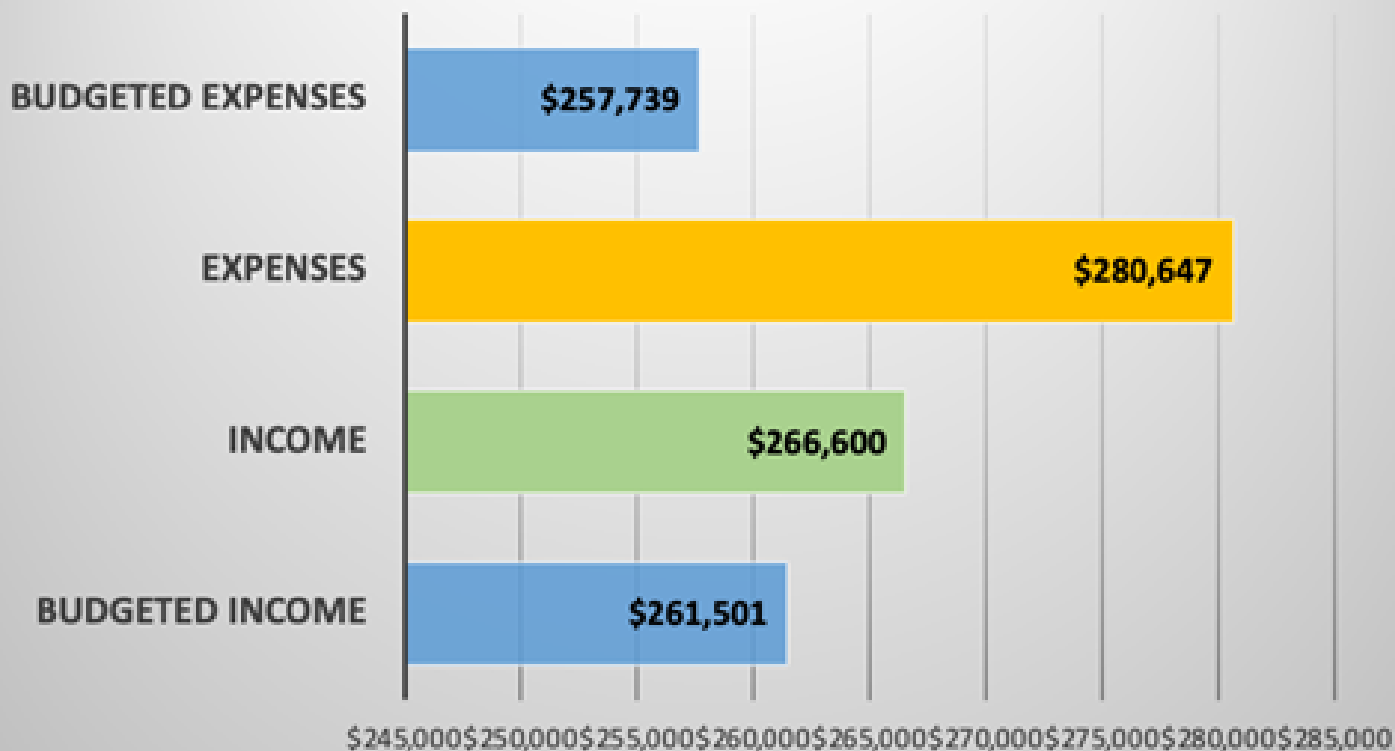
Since the end of the year approaches, Council is beginning to develop the budget for 2026. Budgeting is always difficult because it involves trying to predict the future. Please pray for us as we develop the best budget to recommend for Grace for 2026.

Please be on the lookout for communication regarding our 2026 pledge campaign!

Thank you,

Kelly Walker
Treasurer

Grace Lutheran Church through September 2025



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

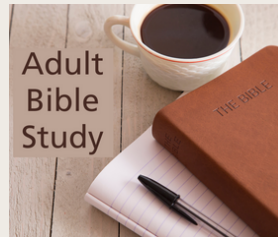
Sundays at 10:45am
in the Small Conference Room



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

The Adult Faith formations classes is not currently not meeting. Watch the newsletter and events page on the website

<https://www.gracecamphill.org/events> for more information



Adult Bible Study Tuesdays, September - May 1pm in the Library

The Bible Study group will be studying various books of the Bible to understand what the text was trying to say and what it's saying to us today.



Pub Theology

There are currently two groups for Pub Theology that will meet at various pubs in the area to talk about how God works in life, politics, faith, science and everything in-between. All opinions, experiences, and perspective are welcome.

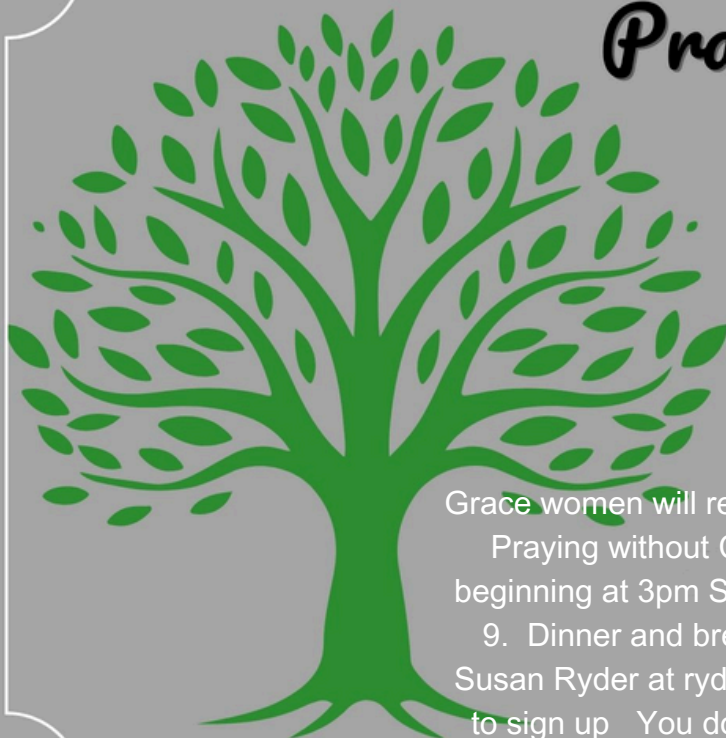
GROUP 1

Date & Location TBD

GROUP 2

Date & Location TBD

For more information, to join or start a new group contact Pastor Chad at pastorchad@gracecamphill.org



Pray Without Ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Grace Women's Kentland Retreat

3 p.m. Sat., November 8 thru
Noon, Sun., November 9

Grace women will retreat at Kentland again this fall and talk about Praying without Ceasing. Mark your calendar for the retreat beginning at 3pm Saturday, November 8 thru 12noon November 9. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Cost \$10. Contact Susan Ryder at ryder.susan@comcast.net with any questions or to sign up. You don't have to spend the night, though it is fun!

Youth Food Cards

Karns Foods, 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 in cash please have the exact change. At this time we do not accept credit cards.



GYG Retreat at Nawakwa Fri. 11/14 - Sun. 11/16

All Grace Youth Group members, or anyone in 6th - 12th grade are invited to attend a Youth Retreat at Camp Nawakwa.

Please register using [HERE](#) or scan the QR Code by November 7, 2025. More information can be found on Events page at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events>



Digging Deeper

A young leaders theology class for 15 - 22 year olds where we dig deep and answer the faith-based questions you are facing, or are just curious about, in your daily lives. This group will meet monthly over zoom. Contact Ethan Lentz at ethan.lentz@gracecamphill.org for more information.



Junior Youth Group (JYG)



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Meets every other month from October - May. This meeting time will allow its participants to learn all about the fun of youth group and what they can anticipate as they get ready for their Youth Group years. In these meetings there will be games, laughter, community building, and a splash of faith formation for our younger Grace participants. This meeting will also be great for our younger Grace participants to get to know those that are already in youth group, hear their stories, and get to build relationships with their older peers. Please contact Ethan Lentz with any questions at ethan.lentz@gracecamphill.org



Confirmation Class September - May

Meet monthly to learn about Lutheranism and the basics of the Biblical Story. Youth entering 7, 8 or 9 grade are encouraged to sign up or continue confirmation.

To view the complete schedule go to <https://www.gracecamphill.org/faith-formation/confirmation>

Children's Church

For Children younger than 6th grade.



Children's Church During the Sermon

Occurs twice a month. The intention is to provide an age appropriate message that children will love and be able to apply in their daily lives. The children will leave after the Gospel reading and return to the sanctuary in time for communion. It kicks off with Rally Day each year and runs through May.

View Events & Special Worship Calendar [HERE](#) or pick up a brochure in the narthexes or Library



2026 Stewardship Campaign Update

The Finance and Stewardship Ministry hopes that you have enjoyed the brief weekly videos provided by church members describing their stewardship initiatives and experiences. There are still several more weeks with the last informational video to be shown on the weekend of November 22 and 23. This will conclude our autumn Stewardship campaign, entitled “Rooted in Faith, Growing in Grace.”

To celebrate, the Finance and Stewardship Ministry will be providing cupcakes at the Saturday evening service on November 22 and during the coffee hour on November 23. Please be sure to attend so you can pick up your cupcake.



A reminder, we mailed this year’s pledge letter and forms on October 14. A QR code on the letter can be scanned should you wish to pledge online or you can use the QR code to the left or pledge online [HERE](#). If you choose not to pledge online you may return the pledge form to the church office with the envelope provided with the mailing. Contact the church office if you have not received a pledge form and return envelope.

We would appreciate your returning pledges by December 1. Help us reach our goal of 100 pledges for 2026.

Thank you in advance for participating in this year’s campaign and helping us to reach our Stewardship goals for 2026.

Bill Robison
Chair



QUILTING MINISTRY

Blessing of the Quilts 2025

On September 28 the annual Blessing of the Quilts occurred. 33 quilts were donated to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for their Ingathering Appeal and 20 quilts were given to different groups since October 2024. The quilts were sewn and donated by Grace’s Quilting Ministry. \$170.00 was also given to Lutheran World Relief to help offset the cost of shipping the quilts overseas.





Prayer Shawl Blessing Sunday, November 2, 2025

Prayer Shawls will be blessed on November 2. Please bring all finished shawls and prayer patches before then and place either in the library closet or on top of the prayer shawl bin in the parking lot hallway.

Please feel free to take a shawl or patch from the parking lot hallway and give to someone in need of God's love and ours. The shawls signify the warmth of God's arms wrapped around them. The small prayer patches are a nice alternative to keep with you in a pocket or purse as a reminder that God is always with us. You may take either or both and distribute to family or friends in need of a hug or to celebrate a happy occasion.



Grace Book Club November 10, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom

Join us as we discuss our next book "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett.

In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

Tom Lake is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. As in all of her novels, Ann Patchett combines compelling narrative artistry with piercing insights into family dynamics. The result is a rich and luminous story, told with profound intelligence and emotional subtlety, that demonstrates once again why she is one of the most revered and acclaimed literary talents working today.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK

In this beautiful and moving novel about family, love, and growing up, Ann Patchett once again proves herself one of America's finest writers.

About the author

Ann Patchett is the author of six novels, including *Bel Canto*, which won the Orange Prize for Fiction. She writes for the *New York Times Magazine*, *Elle*, *GQ*, the *Financial Times*, the *Paris Review* and *Vogue*. She lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

Community Meal Menu

November 12 at 5:30pm

Cheesesteak Subs
Fries
Nacho Chips
Assorted Desserts

November 26

**No Community Meal
Happy Thanksgiving
The next meal will be on
Wednesday, December 10**



2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month



Please note that
Grace's Giving Pantry
will be **CLOSED**

on
Wed. Nov. 26
and
Wed. Dec. 24
and
Wed. Dec. 31

A festive poster for the Holiday Food Drive. It has a white background with a decorative border of orange and yellow flowers and green leaves. The text is centered and reads:

GRACE GIVING PANTRY

HOLIDAY Food Drive

Turkeys, Hams, Target gift cards
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans, Corn, Peas
Boxes of Stuffing
Canned Pineapple. or Peaches

Thanksgiving items by Nov 9th

Christmas items by Dec 7th

THANK. YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Christmas Sponsorship at Grace

We're excited to let you know that, once again, you have the opportunity to sponsor Christmas at Grace! This year, we're offering multiple sponsorship options, including 12 beautiful wreaths from the Boy Scouts, 2 Red Altar Poinsettias, and 20 Red Poinsettias for the Sanctuary. Plus, new this year, we're introducing ELCA Good Gift Ornament sponsorships. Be sure to check out future This Week at Grace and our Worship Bulletin for pricing details and to see when these items will be available for sponsorship. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!



Let's Celebrate our November Birthdays

We have a monumental birthdays to share:
Grace Heintzelman turns 90 years old on November 15.
Please take a moment to wish her a happy birthday with a
telephone call or by mailing a card to:

Grace Heintzelman
125 Limestone Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011

11/2	Linda Harris Daniel Walker	11/13	Bill Campbell Mary Marshall	11/24	Todd Galle
11/5	Charlotte Erb Gayle Hurst	11/15	Grace Heintzelman Nova Hoffman	11/25	BJ Weber
11/7	Carolyn Bair Liam Barber David Bechtel	11/16	Heather Artz	11/26	Elaine Wolf
11/9	Ava Bechtel	11/19	Christin Heidingsfelder	11/27	George H. Osswald
11/12	Cora Chesky Jacob Hearn Cami Ressler	11/20	Sydney Angus	11/29	Claudia Boyer Conner Seeger
		11/21	Andrew Snavelly	11/30	Polly Foster Sherri Rowland
		11/23	Hannah Flook Megan Ozimok Miller		

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Some people try to turn back their odometers.
Not me, I want people to know “why” I look this
way. I’ve traveled a long way and some of the
roads weren’t paved.

Will Rogers

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***Please note if they person does not have a birthdate listed they either requested it not be printed in the newsletter or we do not have one. You can contact the church office for their actual birthdate.*

To check out everything that is happening at Grace go to the events page on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events> or use the QR Code.



EVENTS

Upcoming Community Events

Below are some family-friendly events occurring in our area.

Music at the Spring

Sunday, 11/9 3pm

Trindle Springs Lutheran Church
14 State Road, Mechanicsburg

Big Sky Quartet is an award-winning folk/roots band from Central Pennsylvania, known for tis moving melodies, glowing three-part harmonies, and uplifting live performances.

Center Stage Opera presents



Carmen
by Bizet

Sunday, October 26 at 2:30 pm
Friends of 1867 Sanctuary 101 Scotch Road, Ewing Township, NJ 08628

Sunday, November 2 at 2:30 pm
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 1610 Carlisle Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Saturday, November 8 at 2:30 pm
Friends Home in Kennett 147 West State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348

Tickets: Adults \$25 Students \$10
Tickets available at the door - no credit cards

Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 pm - Tickets: \$31.50
Sunlight Theater 201 Englewood Avenue, Beach Haven, NJ 08008
Tickets available online www.sunlight.org or contact box office @ 609-492-9477

~ Fall 2025 ~

Carmen is one of the most popular operas, performed in every opera house in every language, its music is bright, passionate, dramatic and very Spanish. Much of the music is instantly recognizable... especially the Toreador Song, the Habanera, and the Seguidilla! A very dramatic tale of love, jealousy, retribution and loss... set to such glorious music!

Our talented singers come from Maryland and Pennsylvania.
Join us for a wonderful performance of opera !!

Visit us on Facebook
"Center Stage Opera PA"
or our web site
www.CSOpera.org



Women's Craft Retreat

November 7-9

Camp Nawakwa (1033 Nawakwa Rd. Biglerville, PA 17307)

Projects are provided AND you may bring your own to work on! Meals, lodging and most supplies provided.

Registration Fee: \$185

(Arrive a day early for an additional \$45 lodging)

Call 717-677-8211 or visit LutheranCamping.org to register by November 1.

Christmas Market

Saturday, November 8 | 10am - 2pm

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
509 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne

Join us for our 4th annual Christmas Market. We'll have a variety of craft and direct sales vendors both out front on the lawn and inside a couple of areas of the church. There will be raffle options as well.

Opening our Hearts, Transforming our Losses

A Faith Based Workshop on Grief

Saturday, November 15

8:30am - 3:00pm

Trindle Springs Lutheran Church
14 State Road, Mechanicsburg

All of us have experienced loss in our lives through death, separation, divorce, moving to a new home, beginning a new job (or losing one), health challenges, loss of a friendship or a beloved pet family member. This workshop is designed to help us identify the grief in our lives and learn skills to transform those losses. Register at office@trindlespringslutheran.org or call Cheryl at 717-766-7091 option 1. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Freewill offerings accepted.



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