

**June/July/**

**August**

**Summer 2026**

**Grace Notes**



## **Pastor's Message**

*"Your mission, should you choose to accept it..."* These iconic words come from the *Mission: Impossible* franchise and were cemented into popular culture by Tom Cruise's character in the 1996 movie. These words would introduce the dangerous and risky task to be completed by the team, should they choose to undertake the challenge.

This popular connotation of mission matches most of our society's understanding. Such a word is usually reserved for military personnel, detectives, astronauts, and exploratory scientists. Missions are for important people! Well, and those who choose to accept their mission...

As disciples, though, we do not get a choice to accept our mission; the mission has already chosen us. Even in Christian circles, mission can be misunderstood as only going to other countries and helping to build schools or hospitals, taking aid and supplies, teaching English, and bringing people to know Jesus.

Our baptism says otherwise. When we are brought to Christ through baptism, we have been given the power of the Holy Spirit and we are brought into the mission we all share - to share God's redeeming love with all the world.

We at Grace know a LOT about change and transformation, and thanks be to God for that! As a congregation, we have accepted our mission to share God's love in so many Spirit-led ways. What about each of us as individuals? What about being open to how receiving the Holy Spirit sent by God changes us, whether in the smallest ways or transformational ways?

Often churches (and people!) get stuck doing maintenance work - striving to maintain everything just the way it is or to go back to the way things were. The Holy Spirit almost always has other plans. Our baptisms insist that our lives will

never be the same once we welcome the Holy Spirit. Therefore, our mission, whether or not we choose to accept it, is to live into God's mission of sharing the love of Jesus. How will you see to this mission?

## Recent Events

### Girl Scout Project Planning



The Girl Scouts have been eagerly scheming and dreaming up projects to better serve the community. They had Pastor Kayla come to one of their meetings to share their drawing of gardens, little free libraries, and little free pantries. Then, the troop attended the April council meeting to make their official pitch. Be on the lookout for their efforts and improvements in the coming months! Many thanks to troop leader and Grace member, Cassandra Benson, for making this happen.

### Cabaret and Dinner

On March 15th we worked with the Girl Scouts to put on dinner and show. Megnot Toggia and Gabe Feldt, frequent soloists at Grace, performed a variety program - show tunes, popular songs, classical and music. Following the performance, all were invited downstairs for a spaghetti dinner put on by the Girl Scouts. We hosted over 50 people and raised \$600! Many thanks to John Ervin for helping to make this day happen.



## Lent Catechism - affirmation of baptism

With our neighbors at Reformation Lutheran Church, a group of folks spent Lent studying Luther's Small Catechism. Each week focused on another section of the catechism including The Ten Commandments, the



creeds, the sacraments, and the Lord's Prayer. When teenagers undergo this study, they are then asked to confirm their baptism and commitment to life in the body of Christ. Pastor Eileen (from Reformation) and Pastor Kayla wanted to honor this same commitment to study and growth in faith, so we offered the participants to affirm their baptism. (Confirmation is what it is called the first time; then we can affirm our baptism many times through our lives.)



On April 12th, Grace celebrated the affirmation of baptism of Dave Ehret, Kelsey Hess, Christine Kertis, and Mike Young. Congratulations to this group for exploring Lutheran identity in a new depth and starting a new chapter since this affirmation of baptism!

## Trip Presentation

Pastor Kayla and Rabbi Michal hosted a joint presentation on their trip to the Holy Land. Each shared their own perspectives, which were not always the same but highlighted the complexity of the issues in Israel and Palestine. One unifying force, however, is the need for peace, prayer, and reconciliation among so many people.



### Interfaith at Immaculata

Pastor Kayla was asked to represent Grace and Protestants at an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at Immaculata University. Each faith leader was asked to share a bit about their tradition and the meaning of prayer within it. Other faith leaders included a nun, imam, and rabbi.



### 5/17 Community Dinner and Panel

We welcomed many folks from the community to our dinner on May 17th. Our conversation focused around mental health issues since May is Mental Health

Awareness Month, and we welcomed guest panelists from local organizations to tell us about the state of mental health services here in Delaware County. We are grateful to Surrey Services for Seniors, Domestic Abuse



Project, and NAMI MainLine for their support. Chef Dad's Table, our friend Scott Noye, prepared a delicious feast, per usual.

## Grace Wellness Center Corner News

From Sr Paula Estornell

The word is spreading about the Wellness Center. Here are a few of the promotional activities that took place in the Spring:



**St Peters Lutheran Church, Chester Springs** Sister Paula preached and hosted an information session at St Peters Lutheran Church, Chester Springs on March 22 for 25-30 people. Information about the Deaconess Community of the ELCA and Grace Wellness Center was shared and material provided for anyone interested in seeking Wellness Center services.



**Thrift and Thrive Consignment Shop** Sister Paula joined with Reformation Lutheran Church to host an information table at Thrift and Thrive Consignment Shop in Drexel Hill during their April community "Sip and Shop" event. Shoppers learned about the Wellness Center and left with small gifts of pens, mugs, and blankets with the Wellness Center logo.

**Promotional Video** The Wellness Center created a promotional video to demo the myriad of wellness offerings and teach viewers about the historic Deaconess Community of the ELCA. The 5 minute video will be shown at various venues starting with Southeastern PA Synod Assembly at the end of May. A shorter video that highlights the mind body and spirit offerings at Grace will be posted on our web site and in social media. Youtube



Screeners: <https://youtu.be/8btkNVitTHY>



### New Signs!

Wellness Center and Grace Lutheran Church interior and exterior Signs have been donated and will be installed in June to help guests navigate our space and know that the church offers worship and wellness.



### Let's hear from you!

The Wellness Center developed a survey to solicit interests and needs for holistic wellness support. Survey results will help us shape our services to meet your needs. Please see Survey enclosed in this edition of Grace Notes and return to the office so your input is received.

Looking at Summer, and more exciting things to come.

### New Wellness Offerings:

- **Weekly Prayer Group** Grace will be offering a weekly prayer group Tuesday mornings at 9:00 for anyone to stop in and spend some time in small community prayer. Join us in the Sanctuary as we practice opening our hearts and minds to the presence of God. [Contemplative Outreach, Ltd.](#)



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- **The Joy of Living Retreat** July 11, 2026, Grace Wellness Center will host a one-day retreat titled: "The Joy of Living" God is where the joy is. Laughter and love give us health and wholeness. Come join us as we playfully experiment with new tools for joyful living, a spiritual practice. See Grace web site for more information and a QR code to register by July 6, 2026

- **Community Dinners** Grace will be hosting more community dinners to engage neighbors in thoughtful conversation over delicious meals as a means of connecting people and building community. Stay tuned for community dinner announcements.

**Getting to Know You.** Finally, Grace has been conducting studies of the surrounding community and doing outreach to better understand our current demographics and possible mind, body, and spiritual wellness needs. Our Volunteer Corps from Reformation Lutheran Church are wonderful advocates and supporters. Look for us at local events and on social media continuing to spread the word about holistic wellness!

Thanks to all our partners and community members who offer mind, body, spiritual healing and fun through the Wellness Center.

### **Partners Include**

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts  
Amalia Belly Dance  
Heart Light Healing  
Pound Fitness  
Empowering the Youth

Trained Certified Therapists  
Chef Dad's Table  
Pinoche Club  
Ukelele Club  
Various Anonymous Groups

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

#### **June**

7 – Council Meeting, immediately following worship  
9 – Bible Study, online at 6:30 pm

Bible Study meets on the second Tuesday of each month online, accessible using the instructions on the flyer.

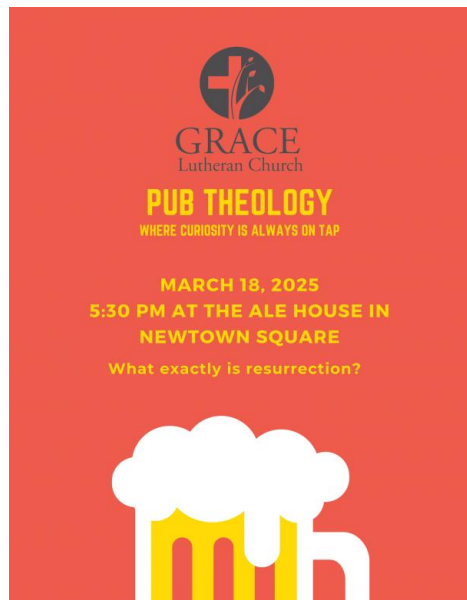
**WHAT SUNDAY SCHOOL LEFT OUT**

**BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for the stories we know and love with new details.  
See Zoom info below OR email Pastor Kayla for the link.

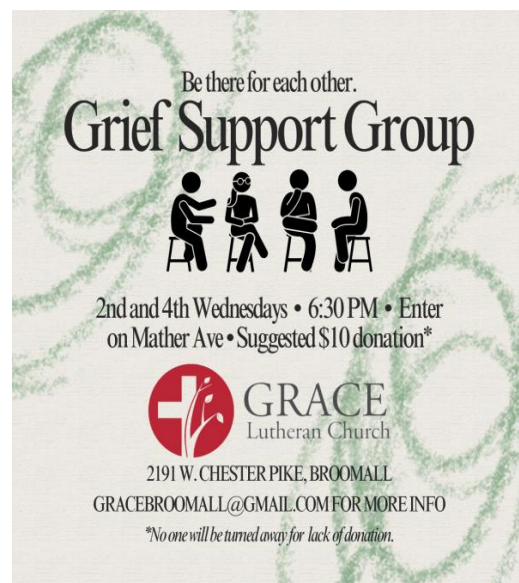
2ND TUESDAYS      6:30 PM ONLINE

zoom.us/join then enter 610 356 1824 as the meeting number



Pub theology gathers on the third Wednesday of each month at The Ale House in Newtown Square at 5:30 pm.

10 – Grief Group,  
6:30 pm  
17 - Pub Theology  
at 5:30 pm at The  
Ale House in  
Newtown Square  
24 – Grief Group,  
6:30 pm



## July

3 – Office closed for Independence Day observance  
8 – Grief Group, 6:30 pm  
11 – The Joy of Living Retreat

# The Joy of Living Retreat

**July 11, 2026, 9:30-3:00**  
**Grace Lutheran Church Wellness Center**  
**2191 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA**  
**[www.gracebroomall.org](http://www.gracebroomall.org)**

***Laughter and Love Give Us Health and Wholeness!***  
 Come ready to take deep breaths, laugh, and playfully experiment with new tools for joyful living and creating your self-care toolbox!

Registration & Coffee: 9:30 a.m. Retreat: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Cost: \$60 per person, including all materials, snacks, and lunch

Presented by Sister D'Etta Broam  
 Deacon for Health and Wholeness Ministries in the ELCA SC Synod  
 Retreat Leader and Certified Yoga Therapist

***Please RSVP by July 6, 2026 by emailing [sisterpaula@gracebroomall.org](mailto:sisterpaula@gracebroomall.org), subject line "RSVP Joy"***  
 For more information about the Retreat Leader, please visit her web site at:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/sisterdb/home>

- 14 – Bible Study, online at 6:30 pm
- 15 – Pub Theology at 5:30 pm at The Ale House in Newtown Square
- 22 - Grief Group, 6:30 pm
- 26 - Christmas in July, 10 am in worship
- 29 – Service at Fair Acres, 2:30-m

### **August**

- 11 – Bible Study, online at 6:30 pm
- 12 – Grief Group, 6:30 pm
- 19 - Pub Theology at 5:30 pm at The Ale House in Newtown Square
- 26 - Grief Group, 6:30 pm

## Prayer Requests

<b>Concerns</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Lily Walker	Trish Young
Brandon & Bobby Gill	Kevin Hartman
Drew Kertis	Christine Kertis
Tina McGinley	Jeannette Hunter
Bob Schramm	Keith & Maureen Jones
Bryan Johnson	Trish Young
Kyle Gantz	The Gantz Family
Bob Tschinkel	Keith & Maureen Jones
Jim	Butch Wetzel
Rev. Donald Schwarz	Kassandra Benson
Sue Gavigan	The Young Family
Jerry Kookan	Keith Jones
Fred & Roberta Schomburg	Pastor Kayla Sadowy
Mary Ann Jordan	Sue Gicking
Frances Meehan	The Young Family
Alina Quinn	Karen Kampmeyer-Manix
Bill Bowdren	Sister Paula Estronell
Danielle Johnson	The Young Family
Stephen McCrossin	The Young Family
Barbara Wadlund	Sue Gicking
Jen Melnyk	Sister Paula Estornell
Anna	Karen Reitano
Elaine	Butch & Linda Wetzel
Kenney Barber	The Young Family
Doug & Patty	Maureen Schmitt
Ryan Connor	Jeannette Hunter

We welcome prayer requests for people, places, and concerns. Please be mindful to notify us at a time when that person, place, or concern could be removed from the prayer list. If a prayer concern is private, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Kayla. for confidential support.

Christ In Our Home is now available the next quarter. Pick up a free copy from the table near the West Chester Pike doors for your daily devotionals.

## Important Dates

### Worship Assistants

	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	<b>Lector</b>
June 7	Dave Ehret	Christine Kertis	Keith Jones
June 14	Maddy Nardello	Frank Benson	Mike Young
June 21	Keith Jones	Butch Wetzel	Christine Kertis
June 28	Ruth Moyse	Mike Young	Dave Ehret
July 5	Jeannette Hunter	Christine Kertis	Kevin Hartman
July 12	Dieter Degen	John Lyon	Ruth Moyse
July 19	Maddy Nardello	Frank Benson	Christine Kertis
July 26	Ruth Moyse	Kevin Hartman	Keith Jones
August 2	Dave Ehret	Ruth Moyhse	Mike Young
August 9	Jeannette Hunter	Butch Wetzel	Dave Ehret
August 16	Keith Jones	Mike Young	Christine Kertis
August 23	Sue Gicking	Dieter Degen	Kevin Hartman
August 30	Ruth Moyse	Christine Kertis	Keith Jones

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### June

6/5 – Keith Jones  
 6/9 – Marianna & Richard Hamilton  
 6/21 – Christa Hamilton  
 6/21 – Ruth Moyse  
 6/27 – Butch Wetzel

#### July

7/9 – Betsy Cimbala  
 7/9 – Bill Rockelmann  
 7/13 – Deanna Stissi & Jonathan Hawkes

#### August

8/14 – Harry & Sue Gicking  
 8/19 – Steve & Betsy Cimbala

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office so we can add you on our list.

**Mission**

**Worship God. Make Friends. Uplift People.**

**Worship God.**

Worship with us Sundays at 10 am

All are welcome to worship with us every Sunday in person or online. There are no pre-requisites to participating. Check us out at [youtube.com/@gracebroomall](https://www.youtube.com/@gracebroomall)

**Make Friends.**

Join us to learn and live in community.

Bible Study, Pub Theology, and more – there's always something happening at Grace! Check out our social media or join our email list to stay in touch.

**Uplift People.**

Love and serve your neighbors.

We serve our neighbors through an ongoing food and supply collection for our local pantry. We do many other service projects through the year that serve our neighbors and God's creation.



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