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Fall 2026

Grace Notes



Pastor's Message

Five years ago, we opened the doors of our Holistic Wellness Center with a vision of healing. What started as an uncertain experiment fueled by faith and tenacity has blossomed into a vibrant hub of healing and hope. This fall, we celebrate a remarkable half-decade of **profound transformation**.

It is powerful to reflect on the timeline of our journey. Jesus' earthly ministry lasted just **three short years**, yet in that brief window, He **healed the sick, comforted the broken, and forever changed the course of the world**. Following in His footsteps, our church has spent the last five years serving as His hands and feet. Through every counseling session, dance seminar, cooking class, and wellness initiative, we have watched God work miracles in our midst.

This milestone is about how **our community and our identity have fundamentally changed**. Much of our future may still feel uncertain, but one thing has been made abundantly clear: God has been with us every step of the way. And if God is for us, who can be against us (Romans 8:31)? The early church existed for centuries amidst precariousness—uncertain of their future and not at all confident in their safety. Yet here we are, 2,000 years later, embracing a fraction of that insecurity while still boldly carrying out our mission.

As we look at the lives touched, we must also look inward. **How has your individual faith transformed over these five years?** Our challenge for the coming years is to continue transforming our hearts to serve in word and deed. We are called to spread the good news through the **hospitality of listening**—getting curious and asking questions of others in their own journeys of faith. This is how we continue the transformation of Grace "upstairs" in the congregation while continuing to reach out to our neighbors.

The Wellness Center as a ministry once felt like a pipe dream, and redevelopment seemed a tall order. I am not sure anyone thought about what it could all look like five years later. To celebrate, we will officially mark this milestone on **October 11th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at our Fall Festival**. This special gathering will **showcase our vibrant community relationships** and allow us to share our great congregational gift of **hospitality**.

We want to share this day with you, and we hope you will share it with us. Whether you partner with us through **planning committees, day-of volunteer efforts, or simply by attending**, your presence matters. Come celebrate five beautiful years of dedication, love, and growth!

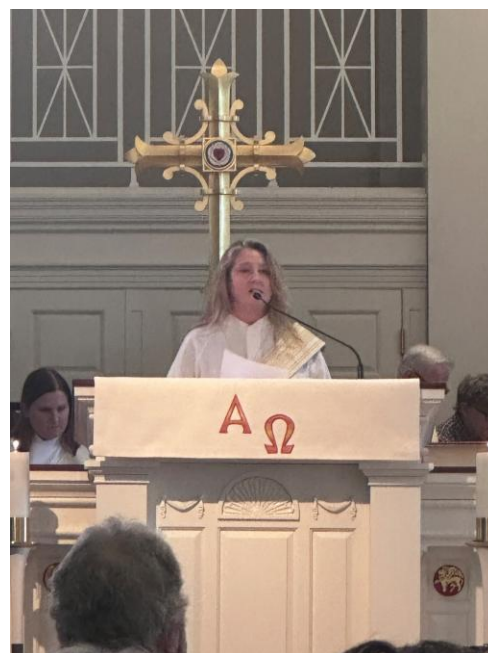
In Christ,

Pastor Kayla

Recent Events

Synod Assembly

On May 29th and 30th, representatives from across our SEPA Synod gathered at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale to hold our annual Synod Assembly. While it was a bit of a “low” year for business, we got to hear stories of impactful ministry from our neighbors all over SEPA. Particularly ear-catching was Bishop Penman’s keynote address, which was co-delivered with Rev. Linda Manson, our Director of Evangelical Mission. They went into great length about the call to practice *imago dei*, a Latin phrase that means “the image of God.” This phrase first appears in Genesis in the Bible, so Bishop Penman and Rev. Manson challenged the entire synod to consider their own vision or imaging of our neighbors - to see them as God sees them, made in God’s image. Worship was also particularly uplifting - easy to say when there are hundreds of voices! Our own Sister Paula was asked to be a worship assistant.



Pray on the Way, now known as Blessings to Go



Realizing the impact of Ashes to Go each year, we thought we could utilize one of our greatest assets - our location as well as one of our greatest gifts - prayer. Put them together, and here you have our new ministry experiment! Stop by any Wednesday for a blessing or to give them, weather permitting of course.

Though we have had to deal with summer thunderstorms and summer travels, we are looking forward to seeing how this turns out. If the horns and waves and smiles are any indication, our neighbors know we are a lively congregation that's hard to miss on Wednesday afternoons.



Dinkelacker funeral

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we grieved the loss and celebrated the baptismal fulfillment of Karl Dinkelacker. Karl passed away at his home in Bellingham Senior Living on July 12, 2026 at 100 years old. His funeral was held at Grace on July 18, with so many family members and friends in attendance. We hold the entire Dinkelacker family in our prayers. His obituary can be viewed on the Logan-Videon website.



Christmas in July



Merry Christmas in July! We once again celebrated this fun tradition with carols, the Gospel reading of Luke 2, and even ice. Ok, so it was water ice from Rita's, but at least it was something cold! Some folks even dressed particularly festive. What may seem like merely a ploy by businesses is actually a tradition of the church dating back to the Middle Ages. Christmas in July was started to remind

others the impact of seeking comfort, peace, joy, and generosity all year long.



Backpack Collection

14 houses of worship collected supplies and backpacks enough so that 607 kids can start the school year off strong. 24 of these backpacks filled with supplies were distributed right here in Marple Newtown School District. Thank you so much to all who donated!

Grace Wellness Center Corner News

From Sr Paula Estornell

Some Reflections on Summer at Wellness Center:

Grace gets new signs!



New signs were installed in June letting our visitors know who we are and what we offer and help guide them to the right room for their wellness event. We've gotten a lot of compliments from partners and guests alike saying they really help bring light to what we do and help people navigate through the building.

Wellness Center Hosts Weekly Contemplative Prayer

Contemplative Prayer gatherings were launched in June. All were welcomed weekly on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 in the sanctuary. Contemplative prayer fosters openness to the presence and action of God within and around. Come and enjoy the peaceful time together. {insert pic of sanctuary}

Wellness Center Kicks Off Quarterly Retreats!

Grace invited Retreat Leader, Sister D'Etta Broom to host a one day retreat titled "The Joy of Living" which was well attended and launched the Grace Wellness Center quarterly retreat cycle. Quarterly retreats are intended to help to bring spiritual wellness to people in the Philadelphia metropolitan area every season of the year. Sr D'Etta teamed with Sister Paula to plan and host the event that included defining what brings you joy and how to hold on to joy and share with others, even in the midst of chaos and sadness. Folks practiced breathing, gentle movement, games and crafts, and more. Sr D'Etta was masterful, filling the room with her delightful spirit, funny props, and encouraging comments. Participants smiled and laughed throughout the day and asked when they could have her back again.



Grace Wellness representatives out in the Community

Wellness Center Coordinator was out and about in the community letting people know about the Center and seeking new creative ways to partner. She visited the Broomall Rotary Club, Marple Newtown Recreation Department, the Library and several of our local Lutheran Churches where she was a guest preacher as well as a spokesperson for the Center.



Happenings at Grace Wellness Center this Fall

Fall Festival - Celebrating 5 years of Wellness at Grace

Grace Lutheran Church will host a celebration of the Wellness Center, October 11, 2026 from 12:00-3:00 at the church.

Wellness Partners will have information booths and demonstrations of their services that nourish mind, body, spirit. Community partners will be in attendance sharing the happenings and opportunities that exist around town.

Welcome Boy Scouts of America troops!

Cub Scout and Boy scout troops have picked the Wellness Center as their place to gather monthly in Fellowship Hall. Scout representation at Grace to now be both boy and girl scout troops. The Scouts will be donating their time and talent to make some improvements around the building.

Fall Spiritual Retreat

Half Day retreat of Thanksgiving. Look for announcements on the Grace Lutheran Church web site "Events" section for details.

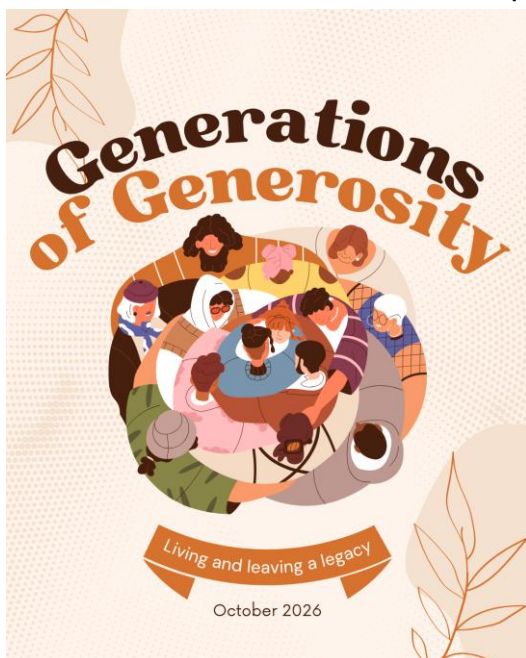
More Weekly Contemplative Prayer

Come join us Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the sanctuary for peaceful prayer time. No prior experience in contemplative prayer is needed.

Upcoming:

Generations of Generosity

As we enter the fourth quarter of 2026, it is once again a good time to reflect on how we are called to support the ministry of Grace and the many ways God is at work through our Congregation.



To help us explore some thoughtful opportunities for stewardship, we have invited Mike Ghelardi to join us at Grace in October. Mike is our local Thrivent representative, and I have had the privilege of knowing him for many years. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a financial services company with Christian values that seeks to have impact locally through charitable outreach. They also aim to help people make wise and savvy financial decisions that are best for themselves and for their congregations. Their support has helped make projects like our backpack school supply drive and the Girl Scouts' rain garden at Grace possible.

During this informational presentation, Mike will share a variety of tax-advantaged ways to make charitable gifts that may benefit both your family and the ministries you care about. He will also talk about legacy giving—an opportunity to leave a lasting expression of faith by supporting the mission and ministry of Grace for generations to come.

I have seen the difference legacy gifts have made in other congregations throughout our synod. These gifts have strengthened ministries, expanded outreach, and provided resources to meet needs that otherwise might not have been possible.

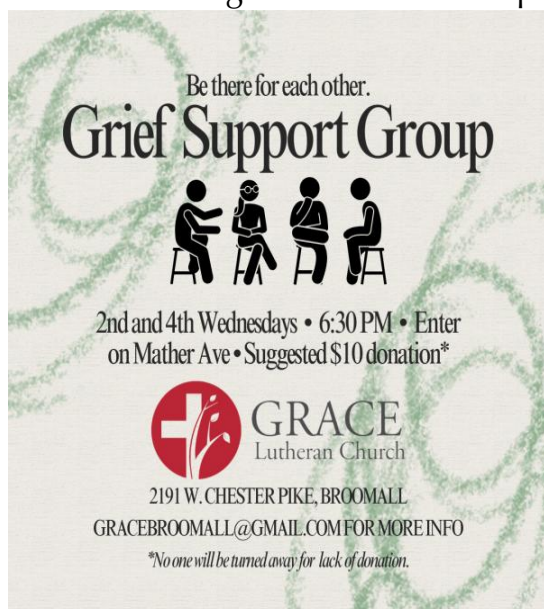
Whether you are simply curious or have been thinking about your long-term plans, I encourage you to join us. There will be no pressure or obligation—just an opportunity to learn about options that may help you support the ministries you love while making wise financial decisions. The important point is that you don't need to be wealthy to make a lasting positive impact. Everyone can help make a contribution at Grace. I hope you will be able to join us for this informative and encouraging conversation. – Dave Ehret, congregation treasurer

Join us this October as we explore legacy - both that which we have inherited and that which we can leave.

Grace Notes is always available! Check gracebroomall.org under the about tab and then the newsletter tab to find past issues.

September:

- 1 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
- 2 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm
- 8 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
- 9 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm

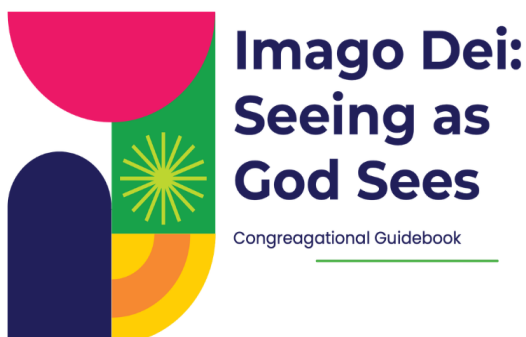


- 9 - Grief Group 6:30-7:30 pm
- 10/11/12 - taking down Memorial to the Lost (T-shirt exhibit, more info forth coming as to exact date)
- 13 - Delaware County Community College Flea Market, Grace will have a table, stop by after church!
- 15 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
- 15 - SEPA Synod Deacon Gathering at Grace 6:30-8:30 pm
- 16 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm
- 22 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
- 23 - Worship at Fair Acres 2:30-3:00 pm
- 23 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm
- 23 - Grief Group 6:30-7:30 pm

- 29 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
- 30 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm

October:

- 6 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
- 7 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm



**Thursdays from October 8–November 19,
6:30-8pm on Zoom**

**led by Pastor Kayla and Pastor Eileen
(from Reformation)**

Email Pastor Kayla to make sure you get the link!

Imago Dei is Latin for “image of God,” a phrase used in Genesis at creation. Beyond a theological concept, it is a way of seeing, living, and being disciples. It is how we engage our neighbors and communities. Together we will embark on a Bible study on this topic that has been designed by the synod. As example, some of the weekly topic titles include: *The Church Has An Image Problem*, *Baptism and Belonging*, and *Healing Harm*. Join us for these weekly conversations as we deepen our faith and understanding of living in the image of God.

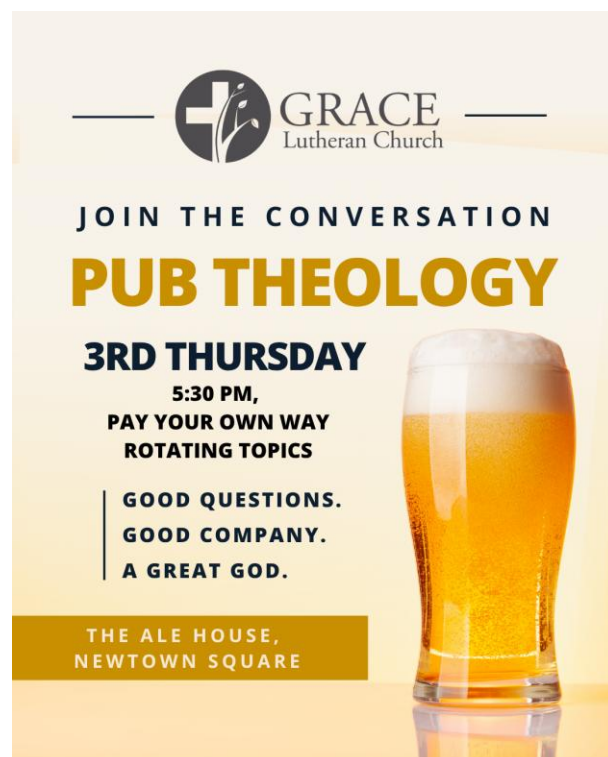
- 8 - Imago Dei Connection Group on Zoom 6:30-8pm
- 10 - In God's Image Synod Event at Reformation, Media - 9 am - 3 pm
- 11 - The Wellness Center's 5 Year Anniversary and Fall Festival at Grace - 12-3 pm
- 13 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
- 14 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm
- 14 - Grief Group 6:30-7:30 pm
- 15 - Imago Dei Connection Group on Zoom 6:30-8pm
- 20 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
- 21 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm
- 21 - Pub Theology at The Ale House in Newtown Square 5:30pm
- 22 - Imago Dei Connection Group on Zoom 6:30-8pm
- 25 - Reformation Sunday 10 am Wear red!

- 25 - Thrivent Financial for Lutherans presentation - immediately following worship
- 27 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
- 28 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm
- 28 - Grief Group 6:30-7:30 pm
- 29 - Imago Dei Connection Group on Zoom 6:30-8pm

November:

- 1 - All Saints' Sunday
- 3 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
- 4 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm
- 5 - Imago Dei Connection Group on Zoom 6:30-8pm
- 10 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am

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 11 - Grief Group 6:30-7:30 pm
 12 - Imago Dei Connection Group on Zoom 6:30-8pm
 17 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
 18 - Blessings to Go 4:30-5:30 pm
 18 - Pub Theology at The Ale House in Newtown Square 5:30pm
 19 - Imago Dei Connection Group on Zoom 6:30-8pm
 20 - Red Cross Blood Drive 12-5pm
 21 - SEPA Synod Love Revolution Learning Day - more info TBA
 22 - Christ the King Sunday
 24 - Contemplative Prayer 9 am
 24 - Marple Newtown Clergy Association Thanksgiving Service - more info TBA
 29 - First Sunday in Advent



Giving Tree for Seniors



We will once again participate in Fair Acres' community giving tree for their residents, particularly those who often get overlooked at the holiday season. The wish lists will be available mid-September and items will need to be back to Grace by November 29. Keep an eye out for more information in our weekly emails.

Christmas Poinsettia Plants

To help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, you are welcome to purchase poinsettias. They are \$12 each and come in your choice of red or white. Dedications can be made on the order form. Payments are due by November 29 and can be made via cash, check, or online giving, please be sure to note they are for flowers. Poinsettias can be retrieved following the Christmas Eve Service.

Upcoming Guest Musicians At Grace

September 27 Erik Potteiger, baritone
 October 4 Gabriel Feldt, tenor
 October 18 Olivia Flickinger, violin
 November 15 Harris Banks, cello

Prayer Requests

<u>Concerns</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
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 Wetzell
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
Alina Quinn	Karen Kampmeyer-Manix
Bill Bowdren	Sister Paula Estronell
Stephen McCrossin	The Young Family
Anna	Karen Reitano
Kenney Barber	The Young Family
Doug & Patty	Maureen Schmitt
Ryan Connor	Jeannette Hunter
Pat Irwin	The Young Family
Rey Bergey	Mel Bergey

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. Pick up a free copy from the table near the West Chester Pike doors for your daily devotionals.

Important Dates

Worship Assistants

	Communion Assistant	Usher/Greeter	Lector	Advent Wreath Lighting
September 6	Jeannette Hunter	Dave Ehret	Ruth Moyse	
September 13	Maddy Nardello	Frank Benson	Christine Kertis	
September 20	Keith Jones	Steve Young	Trish Young	
September 27	Sue Gicking	Christine Kertis	Kelsey Hess	
October 4	Ruth Moyse	Kevin Hartman	Dave Ehret	
October 11	Dieter Degen	Butch Wetzel	Christine Kertis	
October 18	Trish Young	John Lyon	Kevin Hartman	
October 25	Dave Ehret	Christine Kertis	Mike Young	
November 1	Sue Gicking	Steve Young	Trish Young	
November 8	Maddy Nardello	Frank Benson	Christine Kertis	
November 15	Jeannette Hunter	Mike Young	Keith Jones	
November 22	Keith Jones	Christine Kertis	Kelsey Hess	
November 29	Trish Young	Dave Ehret	Ruth Moyse	Jeannette Hunter & Ruth Moyse

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September

2 – David Ehret
 2 – Mike Young
 14 – Linda Wetzel
 20 – Harry Gicking
 22 – Marie Kneizys
 30 – Trish Young

October

13 – Justin Wylie
 25 – Sister Paula Estornell
 27 – Kevin Hartman
 27 – Jake Wylie
 29 – Brian Wetzel

November

2 – Kayla Sadowy
 4 – Steve Cimbala
 5 – Linda & Butch Wetzel
 7 – Kyle Gantz
 9 – Andrew Kertis
 17 – Ella Sommer
 19 – Matthew Young
 29 – Savannah Roesch

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

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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