



Parish News

To Glorify God
 To Grow in Faith
 To Give In Service
Together in Christ

A Letter from Pastor

**Summer
 2017**

“Beside Every (or at least many!) A Good Man Is a Woman”

Dear Members and Friends in Christ,
 As you probably know, I am writing many of my Pastor’s Letters this year on themes of Luther and the Reformation as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. In addition, this August brings two additional celebrations for me—my 35th Ordination Anniversary on August 14th, and only 5 years and one day later, my 30th Wedding Anniversary on August 15th. My ministry and my marriage have been connected in so many ways. Robin is my biggest support and kindest critic. She has found ways to serve the Lord and the Church in her own way. Her mastery with technology and willingness to use that gift in the church is appreciated by one who can barely get by with a computer. During our marriage, Robin has served on stewardship (not the most popular committee), has taught nursery through high school kids, served as a worship assistant, on synod council, capital campaign committee, distributed communion to shut-ins, and has baked, cooked and served food many times. And just like my Father’s Day card proclaimed, I might be the Head of the House but she is the chairman and CEO.

Martin Luther also pointed to his wife, Katharina, as a support in his ministry. At age 5, Katherina was sent to a monastery for education in a life in the church. She later became dissatisfied with the church and interested in the reform movements. She begged Luther to assist in her escape. She and 11 other nuns from the monastery escaped by hiding in fish barrels. Luther was not sure if he should marry her because of the scandal it might create within the early Reformation movement. But Katharina was more than sure! Finally, the

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two were married on June 25, 1525. Luther came to the conclusion that his marriage “would please his father, rile the pope, cause the angels to laugh, and the devils to weep.” The couple moved into the “Black Cloister”, Augusteum, the former dormitory and school for Augustinian friars in Wittenberg, a wedding gift to them by reform-minded John Frederick, Elector of Saxony. Katharina took on the role of administering the vast holdings of the monastery, breeding and selling cattle, and running a brewery to support their family of six children and those who visited to learn and speak with her husband. Martin sometimes called his wife “My Lord Katie” as a way to show the impact she had on his life and decisions. He also said a telling statement which most of us, male or female, who are married can understand. “If I can endure conflicts with the devil, sin, and a bad conscience, then I can put up with the irritations of Katy von Bora.” But other writings refer to his wife in ways such as “Beloved”, “My true love”, and often “My sweetheart Katie.”



I pray that the three couples that I have the honor and privilege to officiate at their marriages this summer, will find the same love of God through their lives together. Together in Ministry,

+ Pastor Dave Lutcher

Pastoral Acts:

Marriage of William Shaffer and Victoria Shelly at Grace on June 17, 2017.

Marriage of John Hercolini and Victoria Clegg on June 23, 2017.

Pastoral Coverage:

Pastor Lutcher will be on vacation July 5-9. Pastoral coverage for emergencies will be handled by Pastor Shirley Guider at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Telford. She can be reached by calling Patti at our church office or calling St. Paul's office at 215.723.8981.

Thanks to Joyce Salter who will be leading a Service of the Word at our 9:15 am worship service on July 9.

Pastor will also be taking a continuing education course in Baltimore August 14-18. Pastoral emergencies will be handled by Pastor Erika Wesch at Little Zion Lutheran Church, Telford. She can be reached by calling Patti at our office or calling Little Zion at 215.723.7404

Don't forget to attend Summer's Reformation 500 Events on:

Sunday, July 16 at 2:00 PM at Christ, Kulpsville: **Lenny Duncan – “The Decolonize Lutheranism Movement”** Of all Protestant denominations in the United States, the ELCA is the least racially and ethnically diverse. Our Lutheran treasure is a theology for all people. Come learn about a movement that is trying to create a more inclusive and evangelical ELCA.

Sunday, August 20 at 10:00 AM at Grace, Hatfield: Join in our **Annual Cluster Worship** and picnic with a Reformation flair for this special anniversary year.

Communion Choice: Beginning on Sunday, June 4th, **white grape juice** will be available for you to choose during communion. The white grape juice will be in small communion cups in a silver tray on a table which will be located at the right front row of chairs near the altar. As you approach the altar you may take a glass from the tray with you to the altar. When the chalice is brought to you, you will drink the cup of grape juice.

News from Stepping Stones

Stepping stones is welcoming summer and the nice warm weather. We are looking forward to playing in the sprinkler and having water play outside. We are saying goodbye to some of our friends that are going to kindergarten in the fall. We wish them well. We are saying hello to some new friends who are joining us for the summer and fall 2017.

The staff of stepping stones wants to thank the church congregation for the wonderful teacher appreciation luncheon. The food was delicious and it was so nice

“Prayer Pots”

Do you know of a service personnel, home front family, parents, wounded warriors or a person in your life that needs special prayers? Then help us make them part of our “Prayer Pots”. Write the name of someone you know on one of the sticks that will be placed in the pot. If you are interested in praying for someone, take a stick out of the pot. You can elect to keep that person as part of your prayers or return the stick after a week and select another individual. The important part is showing that you care with special prayers reserved for them.

Lutheran Cluster Service at Grace

WHEN: **Sunday, August 20th**

TIME: **10 am**

WHAT: A **Worship Service** with our Lutheran Neighbors - Advent (Harleysville), Little Zion (Telford), Christ (Kulpsville), Emmanuel (Souderton) and St. Paul's (Telford)

Where: **At GRACE Lutheran Church, Hatfield**

- ◇ A luncheon will follow the worship service in the Fellowship Hall
- ◇ Bring a favorite food item to share.
- ◇ We need extra help for set up, clean up and parking attendants.

Please tell Pastor Lutcher, Kay Stone or Kathy Stawasz if you are available to help. Set up will be on Saturday morning, August 19th at 10 am.

St. Paul's, Telford is seeking a Church Organist/Music Director/Director of Choirs – PT Music Director/Organist/Director of Choirs needed. The congregation is willing to hire an accomplished organist separately from the Music Director/Director of Choirs position (or any combination). If you are interested in the position of organist or Music Director or Director of Choirs please apply. Hours/salary will depend on what combination of role(s) are being filled. Responsibilities include: Music director—Overseeing music program and coordinating music for the season of the church year in conjunction with the Senior Pastor; Director of Choirs—choosing appropriate anthems for the season, coordinating with Music Director and Senior pastor and directing Chancel Choir, Cherub Choir and Red Angels Choir; Organist—providing suitable organ and piano music for all worship services and choir rehearsals; accompaniment for choirs, soloists and instrumental groups; and assisting in planning of the worship service music. There is also an opportunity to direct a bell choir. Requirements: Bachelor's degree in music or credentials of formal music training; accomplished organist with ability to accompany choral groups and congregational singing. Accomplished pianist preferred. Must be available for choir rehearsals, worship services, and other events as needed. Salary is competitive. To apply, send your cover letter, resume, and three references to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 107 W. Lincoln Ave., Telford, PA 18969 or electronically to secretary@stpaulstelford.org with the subject line: St. Paul's Organist/Music Director/Director of Choirs. Applications accepted until position(s) is filled.

Summer Wednesday Evening Fellowship Gatherings

Our Summer Picnics will continue in July and August. We begin our time together with dinner and fellowship. Dinner is at **6:30 pm**. Bring your favorite **picnic dish** to share and a lawn chair or blanket. If you have a favorite **outdoor game** to share, bring it too. Event is rain or shine!!

This is a great time to catch up with Grace Friends during the summer when our schedules are busy with traveling and family activities. If you would like more information about our picnics, please contact Kay Stone. We don't want ANYONE to miss out, so please know there are members who will happily drive you to the picnics. Just call Kay Stone or Carol MacDonald for information about a ride.

June 28th HOSTS: Church Council Members at Grace

July 12th HOSTS: Lori and Jim Pluda at their home

- 1613 Harvest Moon Lane, Hatfield

July 26th HOSTS: Bonnie and John Stangl at their home

- 3356 Morris Road, Lansdale.

Bring your bathing suit and towel if you'd like to swim!!

August 9th HOSTS: Peggy and Bruce Schmidt at their home

- 155 Forest Way, Hatfield

August 23rd Host needed



Thank You: To the kindest, nicest people on the planet at Grace Lutheran Church, May god bless you for your kindness. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Sincerely! Joe McGlinchey.

Stickers News

Due to the July 4th holiday, the next Stickers' meeting will be held on July 11th at 7 pm.

Save the Date for our second Stitch In on October 21st. You do not want to miss this one with great ideas for the holidays.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

<i>John Fischer</i>	<i>Peg Weaver</i>	<i>Don Capanear, Sr.</i>
<i>Carol Buffone</i>	<i>Joan Lattanze</i>	<i>Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick</i>
<i>Suzanne Colville</i>	<i>Lynda Deutsch</i>	<i>Jennifer Kaler-Thomas</i>
<i>Paige Haldeman</i>	<i>Bill Forst</i>	<i>Hayley Reath</i>
<i>Dawn Doll</i>	<i>Ed Chowajsky</i>	<i>Russ Hartman</i>
<i>Sue Deitch</i>	<i>Jodi & Chelsea Krawitz</i>	<i>Pam & Fred Matolicz</i>
<i>Yahaira Vasquez</i>	<i>Joe McGlinchey</i>	<i>Laura Morcom</i>
<i>Jim Steeley</i>	<i>John Cisler</i>	<i>Elijah Krout</i>
<i>Jon Smyrl</i>	<i>Beth Brown</i>	<i>Dave Krum</i>
<i>Joe Hopkins</i>	<i>James Roney and family</i>	<i>Thomas Hudson</i>
<i>B.J. Moyer-Kuhn</i>		
<i>Pastor Josh Reinsburrow and his son, Henry and Danny Wagner</i>		

SUMMER SNACKS FOR STEPPING STONES:

Over the course of the summer months, Stepping Stones will be taking advantage of the Federal Free Food Program for children. The summer program Stepping Stones is using, only supplies food for a lunch and one snack a day for each child. To help defray the cost of the “second snack of the day”, there needs to be additional foods provided.

We are collecting snack foods over the summer months to support this program. Please bring in any items on the following list to help our children. Large-package quantities will be divided into individual bags for the children by their teachers. Look for the collection basket in the Narthex for your donations.

The snacks needed by Stepping Stones are:

- Teddy Grams
- Goldfish
- Cheezits
- Graham Crackers- squares
- Individual Cracker Packages
- Animal Crackers

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please ask Joyce Salter or MC Reilly



The best week of the summer!

- New friends • Amazing experiments
- Creative games • Lip-smacking snacks
- Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: _____ Grace Lutheran Church
(church name)

VBS will last from: _____ July 16th to July 20th
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: _____ 6:00 pm (DINNER INCLUDED!)
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: _____ 8:30 pm
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: _____ Church Office: (215) 855 - 4676
(church phone number)

The **Summer Schedule** will have one service at 9:15 am and no Sunday School. There will be Communion each Sunday and a Children's Story and Activity each week. Calvary Korean Church will use the sanctuary each Sunday starting at 12:30 pm.

Sun Jul 2, 2017	Summer Schedule, no Children's Event
Mon Jul 3, 2017	Patti on Vacation
Tue Jul 4, 2017	Office closed
<i>Jul 5-Jul 10, 2017</i>	<i>Pastor Vacation Days</i>
Sun Jul 9, 2017	Summer Schedule, No Communion - Joyce Salter leading
Tue Jul 11, 2017	7pm Stitches
	7:15pm Worship and Music
Wed Jul 12, 2017	11am Bible Study
	6:30pm Picnic @ the Pluda's
Thu Jul 13, 2017	9:30am H3C Meeting
	7:30pm Kirby-Smith Appeal Meeting
Sun Jul 16, 2017	Summer Schedule—VBS Installation
	2pm Lenny Duncan "Decolonize Lutheranism" @ Advent
July 16-July 20	6pm VBS at Grace
Sun Jul 23, 2017	Summer Schedule
Mon Jul 24, 2017	Confirmation Fun Day
	7:30 pm Laymen Playmen Board Meeting
Wed Jul 26, 2017	11am Bible Study
	6:30pm Picnic @ The Stangl's
Thu Jul 27, 2017	7pm Wedding Rehearsal
Fri Jul 28, 2017	5:30pm MacDonald/Karcher Wedding
Sun Jul 30, 2017	Summer Schedule
	6pm Bowling @ Earl Bowl, Telford
Tue Aug 1, 2017	7pm Council Meeting
Sun Aug 6, 2017	Summer Schedule
Tue Aug 8, 2017	7pm Stitches
	7:15pm Worship and Music
Wed Aug 9, 2017	11am Bible Study
	6:30pm Picnic @ The Schmidt's
Thu Aug 10, 2017	7:15pm Stewardship Team
Sun Aug 13, 2017	Summer Schedule
Mon Aug 14, 2017	7:15pm Giving in Service @ the Stone's
	7:30pm Christian Connections Meeting
<i>Aug 14-Aug 18</i>	<i>Continuing Education for Pastor</i>
Sun Aug 20, 2017	10am Cluster Service at Grace—Newsletter info due
Mon, Aug 21, 2017	7:30pm Capital Campaign Planning Meeting
Wed Aug 23	11am Bible Study
	6:30pm Picnic

Calendar cont.; Serving Schedule

Sun Aug 27, 2017

Summer Schedule

Tue Aug 29, 2017

10am

Newsletter Mailing

7:15pm

Communication Team Meeting

Serving Schedule

July	2	9	16	23	30
Communion Assistant	R. Lutcher	NA	Frank Stone	John Kenney	Dan Sarm
Lector	Bob Kaler	B. Murray	Frank Stone	Kitty Heckler	A. Roney
Acolyte	Al Lund	Tom Lewis	Micah Slugg	Wyeth Slugg	Olivia Stone
Ushers	Don Capanear & Al Lund	Bob Kaler Family	Bob Reilly & Kay Stone	Peggy & Bruce Schmidt	Kathy Stawasz & Jeff Krout
Greeters	Betty Murray	Barb Watts	Betty Murray	K Deussing	K Deussing
Flower Delivery	Kitty Heckler	MC Reilly	Jeff & Beth Krout	Harold Schaefer	Kathy Stawasz
Children's Activity	N/A	Kay Stone	Jaime & Paul Kaler	Jaime & Paul Kaler	TBD
August	6	13	20	27	
Communion Assistant	Frank Stone	Bob Reilly	TBD	Lori Pluda	
Lector	F. Stone II	Kitty Heckler	TBD	Joyce Salter	
Acolyte	L. Stone	Olivia Stone	TBD	Micah Slugg	
Ushers	Carol & Paul MacDonald	Walter Family	TBD	Ken Seiler & Bob Smyrl	
Greeters	Ken & Karen Seiler	Kitty Heckler	TBD	Jeff & Beth Krout	
Flower Delivery	Carol MacDonald	Kitty Heckler	TBD	Kitty Heckler	
Children's Activity	Robin Lutcher	TBD	NA	Ginny Williams	
Altar Guild—July:		Emily Woltmann (Ginny Williams for July 2nd)			
Altar Guild—August:		MaryJane & Dale Moyer			
Council Duties—July:		Bob Reilly			
Council Duties—Aug:		Tami Sarm			

COME TO THE PARTY
LET ME SING WITH THE CHOIR !

I love it when my choir people tell me how much they enjoy being in the choir. Consider the alternative. How would I like it if they said “Our rehearsals are a real bore!” This would be as welcome as a car repair bill.

I’ve seen situations like that occur in other churches. Some good voices might quit if they get bored, their feathers ruffled, or were offended by another member.

Choir rehearsals should be fun and they are! This doesn’t mean that they are not work and repetitive, but it’s enjoyable and gratifying as well.

The worship and music of the choir rehearsal and Sunday morning worship service have a way of reviving us. We will take the Summer off and look forward to getting into our routine again this Fall.

Can you picture yourself as a choir member? Think about it; you just might like it!

Ken Delmar
Minister of Music



**SUNDAY JULY 30, 6-8PM
EARLBOWL, TELFORD**

\$11.25 PER PERSON
2 HOURS OF BOWLING, SHOE RENTAL
PIZZA AND PITCHER OF SODA
4 BOWLERS PER LANE
See signup sheet in church lobby or call
Tami Sarm

The mission of the Christian Connection
Committee is to connect
members of Grace of all ages to God and
each other.

Our Summer Worship Schedule continues through Sept. 3rd One Communion Service at 9:15 pm Bible Story and Craft Time for Children

During our **9:15 am** Summer Worship Services the children are invited to participate in the Bible Story and Craft Time. Children who participate will leave the sanctuary after the gospel reading and return for communion. The children may return to the Fellowship Hall after communion until the end of the service. At the conclusion of worship, please meet your children in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Story and Craft will continue through Sunday, August 27th

Note: No Bible Story and Craft on Sunday, July 2nd, August 20th, and September 3rd



Caring With Cards

During the summer months of June, July and August, the INreach Team will be collecting small denomination gift cards to distribute to our members in need. There are times when the Team would like to provide a meal or needed supplies to someone, but, we just do not know what they might need. A gift card may be the best option. So when you are checking out at Giant, ShopRite, Walmart, or anywhere else you might shop, pick up a \$5 or \$10 gift card and give it to one of the INreach Team members (Mama Jean Geotter, Kitty Heckler, Lori Pluda, Tami Sarm, Peggy Schmidt, Kay Stone, Sue Weiland, Emily Woltmann, Fay Younger, or Carol MacDonald) or just place it in Carol MacDonald's mailbox. Many thanks, in advance, for your generosity and care for our Grace family!



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Fellowship Picnics on July 12 & 26; Aug 9 & 23

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