



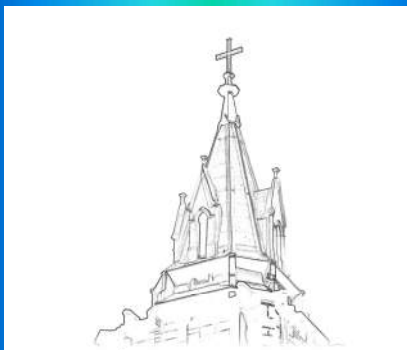
# Grace Visitor

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rochester, PA

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**Regular Worship Hours**  
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

**Junior Church after  
Children's Sermon—  
both services**

**Sunday School for all ages**  
9:30 a.m.

## Christ is setting up home in your hearts

Paul shares a beautiful prayer with the believers in Ephesus and this ancient prayer can be shared by us today—Ephesians 3:14-21.

Family is so very important; Paul regards the church in Ephesus as family. Family is so very important; the believers of Grace are family.

Hard times and challenges make family, especially as the head of our family, Jesus Christ, sets up home in our hearts, holding us together in Christ, for Christ, because of Christ.

Join in the active living articulation of this ancient prayer's modern relevance by holding one another in mind as it is sacredly offered to the Father. Pray over the church directory, members present and past, and for those seen less often.

Pray for our Lord to set up His home in their hearts because I know how awesome you have helped to pray Jesus into my own. This is a gift for our entire family and we can continue to pray for our Lord to reveal it.

Thank you for praying,  
Gregory Clagg



I PRAY  
THAT YOU  
MAY... KNOW  
THE LOVE  
OF CHRIST  
THAT  
SURPASSES  
KNOWLEDGE.  
EPHESIANS 3:18-19, NRSV

*As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to God's service by following the teachings of our Lord and Savior. We will study the word of God, share His love, and expand His kingdom by nurturing, sharing freely, and working together.*

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## Our Staff

### *Pastor*

Rev. Gregory S. Clagg

### *Intern Pastor*

Wesley Smith, III

### *Director of Music/Organist*

Henry Doktorski

### *Administrative Assistant*

Beth Ann Bush

### *Custodian*

Annamarie Perreta-Rosepink

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**Deadline for submission:  
15th of the month.**

### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday—Office Closed



This year's **Rummage Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are looking for donations of saleable items (clean and in good repair). **NO TVs OR COMPUTERS.**

Donations may be dropped off on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

Please consider volunteering to help sort on Thursday, May 7th, set up on Friday, May 8th or help on Saturday during the sale. We need the help in order to have a successful sale. Contact Judy Miller if you can help.



Please visit our website—[www.gracelutheranpa.org](http://www.gracelutheranpa.org). You are invited to use the website to communicate with one another and share information as we prepare to worship together.



**Summer Worship  
Hours begin June 7th**

Beth Ann will be out of the office on Monday, May 4, 2015. The office will be open limited hours staffed by volunteers.



**SAVE THE DATE!** The **Daughters of Grace Dinner** will be on May 4, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Western Beaver Show Choir, a group of 20 talented students who will sing and dance. Tickets will go on sale April 19th. Tickets will be \$12.00; children 5 and under free. Ticket deadline is April 30, 2015. See Kay Fabyanic to purchase your tickets.

# Weekly and Monthly Schedules



## SUNDAY

**Family Circle Worship**—8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday School**—is in full swing with classes for all ages. Join us at 9:30 a.m.

**Service of Liturgy & Music**—10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. Nursery is available for children through kindergarten. *Junior church* in the Sunday School room after the Children's Sermon.

## WILD WEDNESDAY

**Supper** at 6:00 p.m.

**The Gathering Praise Service** at 6:30 a.m.

**Connections Youth Group** 7:00 p.m. in the Connections Room. PreK—12th grade and nursery.



## Bible Study

**Bible Study** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Chancel Choir**—7:00 p.m. in the choir room

## REGULAR MEETINGS

**Bell Choir**—Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Sunday School Room 6

## Youth Ministry Team

1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth room.

## Property

The Tuesday prior to the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Council room.



## Senior Fellowship

2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Lounge unless otherwise announced. No meetings in June, July, or August

## Council Meeting

2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council room.

*Other groups/committees meet as needed. Check your bulletin.*



## Ministries that share our facilities:

Meals on Wheels—Daily, 7:00 a.m. to noon, kitchen & Fellowship Hall.

Tiny Tots—Daily, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., lower level Education wing.

Alcoholics Anonymous—Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

ALA Adult Literacy Classes—Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons.

Community Table—3rd Tuesday & every Thursday, 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Samaritan Counseling Center—Daily by appointment.



## On the schedule

### Altar Flowers

May 3	Paul & Regina Blinn
May 10	Blair & Gardner families
May 17	O'Data family
May 24	Kristin Westerhoff
May 31	Baughman family

### Greeters

May	Henrietta Cassi
	Janet Ramella

### Bulletins

May 3	Paul & Regina Blinn
May 10	Martha & Reda Steinacker
May 17	Ronnie & Marvin Sines
May 24	Debbie & Wayne Mannella
May 31	Albert & Barbara Brower



The new sponsorship sheets are on the bulletin board for altar flowers and bulletins for 2015. This year altar flowers are \$30.00. Please remember to pay for your altar flowers and bulletins in a timely manner.

## GRACE FAMILY NEWS

We look forward to announcing news from our Grace Church families. Please submit information for publication by the 15th of the month.



Thank You!!!

Dear Family of Grace, Kathy and I are humbled by your generosity, support, and love. We have so many memories and miles together for which we are grateful. Our Lord keeps us together and we continue in faithful witness, loving each other and God. Kathy and I thank you for sharing your love for God, while helping us to experience a tremendous witness of the faithful.

Sincerely yours,  
Kathy and Pastor

*Dear Pastor Clagg & Family of Grace,  
Your kindness expressed in cards and calls are truly appreciated as were the many prayers.*

*On Sunday we sang "Precious Lord, Take my Hand," and I knew He did. I will remember you all with Thanksgiving to our Lord.*

*Sincerely yours,  
Marilyn O'Data*

April 14, 2015

C/O Karen Baker  
Secretary, Church Council  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
393 Adams Street  
Rochester, PA 15074

Dear Karen/Parish Members:

On behalf of the children and adults of McGuire Memorial, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$181.40 in honor of Reverend Gregory Clagg. We feel so blessed to have Pastor Clagg a part of our McGuire family.

Your gift is an investment in the lives of the precious individuals who have been entrusted to this ministry. I am honored and humbled by your gift which speaks volumes of your confidence in the programs and services delivered by my dedicated staff. Thank you!

May you always be blessed for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

*Sister Mary Thaddeus Markelawicz*

Sister Mary Thaddeus Markelawicz  
President & CEO

SMTM/jb

April 14, 2015

Grace Lutheran Church  
393 Adams St  
Rochester, PA 15074-2175

Amount received: \$50.00 (Check #1654)

Gift purpose: Student Scholarship Fund - In honor of The Rev. Gregory S. Clagg

Dear Friends:

**Partnerships!** I cannot even begin to express how important they are for us here at Gettysburg Seminary. Those partnerships range from the shared relationship we have with the other seven ELCA seminaries, to the strong bond we have with our Region 8 Synods and, especially, the congregational support we receive through them, to the hundreds of individuals who have become financial partners with us in support of the important mission we seek to fulfill.

So, **Thank You!**, for your partnership. Your support is important to us and to the well-being of our students. Listen to our current students give voice to what this place and your support means to them:

"I felt like Gettysburg Seminary was a welcoming place of encouraging people, ready to help prepare me for my ministry... I am learning to trust in the gifts I have been given, and gaining confidence in my own leadership abilities." *Kelsey Futing, class of 2017*

"Financial aid has played a vitally important role for me. Because of the aid I am receiving, I can afford to attend seminary now and also be assured that I will be able to financially afford to take a call anywhere immediately upon graduation." *Mike Lengel, class of 2017*

Our goal here in the Advancement Office is to find, nurture and encourage financial partners, both congregations and individuals, who share our passion for theological education and understand how important it is to raise up trained leaders for the church. We had a truly banner year last year in developing these partnerships and it is crucial that we continue to find new ones. Please consider recommending our work and mission to your friends who may also share the same love of the church and concern for the future as you do.

**Thanks, again, for your partnership,** for together we will continue to serve our Lord and the church we love by raising up trained leaders for witness and service to the Gospel.

In partnership with you,

*Rev. Glenn E. Ludwig*

The Rev. Glenn E. Ludwig  
Vice President of Seminary Advancement

*Thank you for the scholarship!*  
*Rev. Glenn E. Ludwig*  
*We are grateful!*  
*Happy Easter*  
*Love, Karen*  
*With thanks*  
*from Pastor*

Gettysburg Seminary has not provided any goods or services for your contributions unless otherwise stated above. Please retain this receipt for your records.



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GRACE EVANGELICAL Lutheran Church  
Pastor Clagg & Circle of prayer warriors

Mom and I would love to thank you for all the lovely cards & sentiments given to her. No one knows how much its meant to Mom. Karen Baker sent a card recently & it brought tears to me. I know each card is a prayer to Mom. Thank you so much. As you know Mom had an accident in her lift chair. She fell out of it, thinking the remote was for her T.V. (Compound fracture on one leg and a fracture below the knee with the other. We are repairing now. We prayed for a "miracle" and received it! The Doctor refused surgery, and our Lord and Savior did one better, he knitted her bones together! Over a month in bed and 4.7.15 she was lifted out of bed with a hoist lift and placed back in her lift chair. I asked her how she felt and she said, "I love being in this chair! She ate breakfast & lunch there, then back to bed for personal care. She has a "new" wheel chair padded & comfortable. Praise God. Soon she will be back in the dining room with her friends she misses! May God Bless each one of you today.

For all you do...  
THANK YOU.

*Love In Jesus Name*  
*Betty Adams &*  
*Fancy D.*



RECENTLY BAPTIZED

CHARLOTTE LORRAINE  
JANNUZI

Daughter of  
Chaz & Jessica Jannuzi  
April 2, 2015

HALEY MARIE ROMIGH  
PIPER CARMELLA ROMIGH  
WYATT ANDREW ROMIGH

Children of  
Harry & Tracy Romigh  
April 2, 2015



Please keep those of our congregation who have recently been hospitalized in your prayers.

Betty Baldwin  
Loran Dalton  
Julianna Dwire  
Joe Hartman  
Bill Milne  
Andrew Narvett  
June Siaus



The **sympathy** of the church has been extended to:

The family of Evelyn Spade who entered the Church Triumphant on April 9, 2015

The family of Darrell Owens who entered the Church Triumphant on April 11, 2015

Please keep their families in your prayers during this time of sorrow.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who made donations in memory of their family and friends.

**DAVID BACHMAN**  
CAPITAL BUDGET FUND  
Mildred Bachman

**DONALD OURS**  
CAPITAL BUDGET FUND  
Barbara Cloughley  
Cheryl Puhalla & family

**ROBERT EAKIN**  
CAPITAL BUDGET FUND  
Nancy Eakin

**GERALDINE POWELL**  
HANDBELL FUND  
Beaver Valley Choral Society



February 2014

Weekly Attendance:

Feb 1	99
Feb 8	178
Feb 15	96
Feb 22	98

Feb Monthly Income:  
\$17,045

Feb Monthly Expenses:  
\$18,934

Feb expenses exceed income:  
\$1,889

Feb Benevolence (paid):  
\$849.28

Year To Date Income:  
\$37,866

Year To Date Expenses:  
\$45,789

YTD expenses exceed income:  
\$7,923



**This is a current list of Grace members and friends who are unable to worship regularly with us at church. Let us remember them in our prayers and with a visit, phone call, card, or letter. Just a little of your time will add a lot of sunshine to their lives.**

Ms. Betty Adams  
Franciscan Manor  
71 Darlington Road  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010-3012

Ms. Barbara Alberts  
Franciscan Manor  
71 Darlington Road  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010-3012

Mrs. Betty Baldwin  
Rochester Villa  
174 Virginia Avenue  
Rochester, PA, 15074-1723

Mr. Terry Barr  
404 Craig Street  
New Brighton, PA 15066-3616

Ms. Elma Buttermore  
Passavant  
409 Main Street, #181  
Zelienople, PA 16063-1245

Ms. Lillian Carnegie  
Providence Health Care Center  
900 Third Avenue Rm 129  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010-4613

Ms. Cynthia Cloughley  
Lakeview of South Beaver  
498 Lisbon Road  
Darlington, PA 16115-3309

Ruth Davis  
2000 May Drive, Apt. 305  
Zelienople, PA 16063-1525

Mr. Elmer Enigson  
Rochester Manor, Rm. 468  
174 Virginia Avenue  
Rochester, PA, 15074-1723

Miss Pauline Haney  
573 Jefferson Street  
Rochester, PA 15074-1753

Mrs. June Holsinger  
Rochester Manor, Rm. 221  
174 Virginia Avenue  
Rochester, PA, 15074-1723

Mrs. Patricia Marko  
15300 Badestowe Drive  
Chesterfield, VA 23832-2089

Mrs. Dolores Matika  
Concordia at Rebecca Residence  
3746 Cedar Ridge Road  
Allison Park, PA 15101-1048

Mrs. Imogene McDeavitt  
43 Lexington Drive  
Freedom, PA 15042-2217

Mrs. Dorothy McNear  
Providence Health Care Center  
900 Third Avenue Rm 135  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010-4613

Ms. Valerie Prothero  
279 Big Knob Road  
Rochester, PA 15074-2639

Mrs. Mary Reader  
2108 Masonic Drive  
Sewickley, PA 15143-2409

Mr. Fred Schidemantle  
734 Beaver Road  
Rochester, PA 15074-1102

Ms. June Siaus  
711 7th Avenue, Apt 1  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010-4536

Mrs. Arlene Teets  
112 Marwood Road  
Apt. 4225  
Cabot, PA 16023-2258

Ms. Ellen Ware  
Providence Health Care Center  
900 Third Avenue  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010-4613

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## *The Littlest Angels*

As many of you know, we established the Littlest Angel fund several years ago. There is money available to aid all children in any kind of need, i.e. poverty, fire, flood, loss of family income, etc.

If you wish to donate at any time, just put your donation in an envelope with "Littlest Angels Fund" written on it and drop in the mail to the church or in the collection on any Sunday.





## The Prayer Chain

To participate in the prayer chain or to request prayer, please call Pastor Clagg, 724-709-8222; the church office, 724-774-3792; or Nancy Loughman, 724-775-6657.

### *Team 1*

Susan Emerick  
724-843-6369

Judy Bingle  
724-774-2959

Patty Avery  
724-375-6845

Cheryl Bean  
724-728-5828

### *Team 2*

Karen Baker  
724-728-0197

Barbara Horter  
724-775-7852

Margaret Hays  
724-774-4745

Brenda Kaszer  
724-996-4815

### *Team 3*

Betty Baker  
724-774-3155

Amy Wolford  
724-774-6488

Marilyn O'Data  
724-775-7996

Linda Lantzy  
724-498-6859

### *Team 4*

Nancy Loughman  
724-775-6657

Lynn Baker  
724-775-6760

Lynda Steuer  
724-378-0879

Kim Smith  
724-846-9018

### *Team 5*

**(e-mail devotions)**

Dayna Klinessmith  
dklinessmith  
@hotmail.com  
724-775-7923

Chick O'Data  
cnodata@aol.com  
724-775-7996

### **Important**

Please pass names along promptly. Sometimes prayer requests are urgent. If you asked to have names left on your answering machine please be sure to check it and call back to confirm that you received the message.

If you are unable to participate for an extended period of time, please arrange to be skipped.

If the next person on your prayer chain doesn't answer within 24 hours, please skip temporarily to the next person on the chain.



Many thanks from all of us to those who have volunteered to serve on the phone prayer chains for the coming year. If you would like to help, please sign up on the list either in Fellowship Hall or at the rear of the sanctuary. For those who have volunteered, please review the suggestions on the prayer chain page in the Grace Visitor.



The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nationality Days will be May 15-17, 2015. This three-day event is a celebration of our ethnic heritages. We will have a diverse group of vendors and entertainment, with a tantalizing selection of ethnic food for you to enjoy. Like Ambridge Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook to get a profile of all the vendors and entertainment that will be found at the festival. We look forward to seeing you soon! The festival will be held at 2516 Duss Avenue in Ambridge. Fun for the whole family!



# WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRACE CHURCH?

## Council Minutes Highlights

### March 2015.

- Approved Requests for building use of Fellowship Hall in 2015 from Tiny Tots, on April 15, from 10 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and June 12, 11:30 A.M., to 3 P.M.; LifeSteps/Early Headstart, April 27, 4:30 to 8 P.M.; and from Chuck Andrews, May 2, Noon to 5 P.M., for use of the Lounge. Pastor noted that effective immediately, he will put a handwritten note on the form, that any group or individual who is not a member, will be required to pay a custodian fee of \$60. Recently, there have been some problems with users not cleaning up after themselves.
- The treasurer reported Total Income for January of \$17,045.22 and Total Expenses of \$18,934.70. Although expenses exceeded income, there is a positive balance in the checking account and all bills prior to February 28 had been paid.
- There will be a rummage sale on May 9. Judy Miller will coordinate. Volunteers are needed.

- Vacation Bible School is July 13-16, 2015.
- Approved the Property Committee's recommendation to sign a new contract with Knighthawk for security service, following thorough investigation with three vendors. New technology will be installed which will allow arming and disarming of the system from a cell (Smart) phone.
- The Stewardship Committee has prepared new Visitor Cards which will be used to obtain contact information for future communication.
- Approved ads for Easter Services in the Beaver County Times and on Facebook.



**Meals on Wheels** is asking for donations of sugar-free snack items for their diabetic clients. Examples would be Jello, pudding, sugar-free cookies, etc. Donations can be left in the kitchen marked "M.O.W."



## Senior Fellowship

Will meet on Wednesday, May 13th, 1:00 p.m. at Bert's Wooden Indian in Bridgewater. There will be a sign-up sheet at the rear of the sanctuary. Please indicate if you need a ride.

No meetings in June, July, or August.

## C.A.S.T.

We will be collecting the following items **throughout the year**:

Toilet Paper  
Shampoo  
Dish Detergent (small)  
Paper Towels  
Face Soap  
Toothpaste  
Tissues

There will be collection boxes at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity.

# Community Table News

**Community Table dinners will continue through the summer this year.** We will be alternating weeks with Vanport Presbyterian Church. In order for the dinners to be successful, we will need to be able to count on food donations from the members of Grace Church. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help out at a dinner or two, please call Judy Miller.

*Matthew 25:35, 40—For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*



If you have a current address for any of the following families, please call the office at 724-774-3792:

Dale & Kathleen Daman  
Imogene McDeavitt  
Bernard McFee  
Mr. & Mrs. David Mengel, Jr.  
Celena Puhlman



These dinners are provided by people of faith in Christ Jesus for everyone who would like to share food and fellowship.

The 3rd Tuesday and every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. prayers are said and the meal is served.

Grace Church provides the location and other local churches and organizations provide the volunteers who prepare and serve the meals. If you would like more information please contact Barb Hill at 724-728-1001.

**May 7th** hosted by Grace Church.

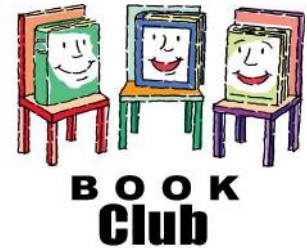
**May 14th** hosted by St. Cecilia Church.

**May 19th** NO DINNER—Election Day

**May 21st** hosted by Grace Church.

**May 26th** hosted by St. Cecilia Church.

**May 28th** hosted by Vanport Presbyterian Church



The **Book Club** will meet Thursday, May 28, 2015. This month's book is "The Sun Also Rises" by Ernest Hemmingway. Location and time to be announced

Please check the Grace Church website *Gracelutheranpa.org* to check on any updates as to meeting time, place and book selections. Information will also appear in the weekly bulletins.



Intern Pastor Wes is seeking out parishioners who would be interested in participating in **Visitation Ministry**. Visitations will include, but are not limited to, visiting those in our congregation who are homebound, visiting those who are in the hospital or other healthcare facilities, or those who simply want some company. If you are interested or have questions, call Intern Pastor Wes at 201-675-2281.



## PRAYER WARRIORS

Still recruiting members for the "**Prayer Warriors**" group to intercede on behalf of our church ministries. Meetings are held at Cafe Kolache, Beaver on the last Tuesday of the month, from 9:30 - 11:00am. Next meeting will be on May 26, 2015. Menu cost for breakfast/beverage items will apply. For more information contact Deb Newton at 724-728-5794 or email Deb at [figcookee@comcast.net](mailto:figcookee@comcast.net).

There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self.

Ernest Hemingway



## Three in One

*Three in one, three in one  
The Holy Spirit soon will come,  
As Christ ascended from their sight  
He promised them the Spirit's might.*

*He lifted up his arms that day  
And blessed them in this special way  
He'd send the Spirit to impart  
The love of God in every heart.*

*Father, Spirit and the Son,  
We now are blessed with three in one.  
The power of God is in each soul  
The three in one has made us whole.*

-Dolores Fruth

# Christian Education News

✦ The Youth Ministry Team meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**Sunday School classes** are available every week for ages 2 years through adult.



**Junior Church**  
(Pre-K thru 6th grade)

After the  
Children's Sermon  
both services.



Connection  
Wednesday Night  
Youth Group

1st through 12th grades

# Wild Wednesdays

Are you looking for a way to enliven the ministry of the church? If you find yourself saying 'yes' to this question there are wonderful opportunities not only to engage in ministry with the youth of God's church but also a time to interact with some of the Youth Leaders who organize and provide this vital ministry for Grace Lutheran and The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. But wait - you may say - I'm not good with children. This is okay, Ministry is multifaceted. If working with children is not your strong suit there are other ways in which your participation will be greatly appreciated. The staff of Wild Wednesdays are looking for individuals who enjoy teaching, cooking, or those who simply like to have a good time while providing a safe and God-filled environment for our churches' youth. What's more - we are flexible. If you are only able to teach you can arrive at 7, or if you feel called to help with meal preparations you can arrive at 5:30 and leave when needed. Any help is greatly appreciated. If you would like to learn more please talk with either Jennifer Specht, Chuck Specht, or Intern Pastor Wes. Christ Jesus called the children to him and we too are called to nurture



God's children with our many and various gifts.

Gathering - 5:30  
Meal - 6:00 - 6:20  
Worship - 6:20 - 7:00  
Bible Study - 7:00 - 7:55  
Sending 7:55 - 8:00

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the Redeemer  
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Church  
393 Adams Street  
Rochester PA 15074  
(724)-774-3792

*For Questions please call either Grace Lutheran or Redeemer. (You may also call Intern Pastor Wes Smith at (201)-675-2281*



May 6th



**ATTENTION GRADUATES!**

If you or your child are graduating from high school or college this year please let the church office know by May 15th so you can be recognized in the June issue of the Grace Visitor.

High school grads—Name of High School.

College grads—Name of College and degree.



Our second year confirmation students will be received into full membership on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015, at the 10:45 a.m. service. There will be a reception after the service.

***From the Intern***

***Pastor***

*Just as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is the Messiah. For we all were baptized into the one body, by one spirit - whether Jews or Greeks, whether slave or free - and we were all given one spirit to drink. (1st Corinthians 12-13)*

Church is what brings Christians together. Church is what tears Christians apart. Think about this paradox for a moment. Church is at once the thing that draws us together and draws us away from one another. Humm. Think about a time where you've had a disagreement or falling out with someone at church however large or small it may have been. Did this relationship heal? Are you still in disagreement with this person? Whether we like it or not there is something about our 'humanness' that serves only to tear us apart. Saint James and Saint Peter understood this humanness all too well after Pentecost. Both James and Peter believed that they should be the leader of Christ's church (*talk about a big disagreement!*), and they

both approached this calling in some radically different ways which today are still the cause of some division in the global church. But even with this division both James and Peter sought to glorify their Lord and savior. Paul's words from his letter to the church in Corinth provide us with some great advice concerning division. Paul encourages us to see that even with our differences we all belong to the same body - that body, Christ. While we may all have different ways of looking at the world, worshiping, politics, finances, or even how warm or cold the sanctuary should be, we are all united under the head of our faith, Jesus Christ the risen savior.

Intern Pastor Wesley Smith





# PUZZLE

*Spring has sprung!*

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

*Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.*

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SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV

Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

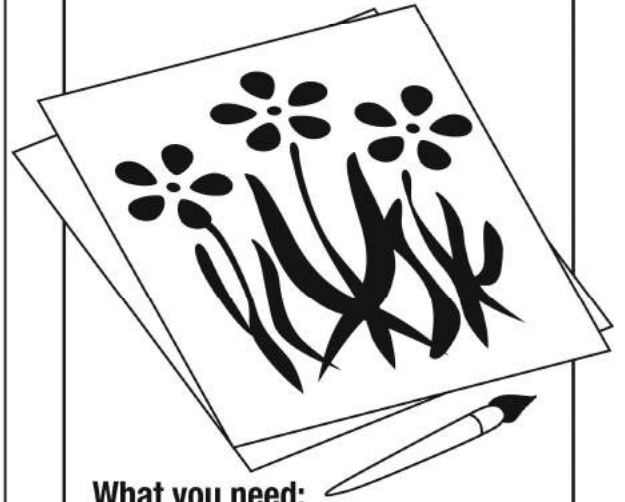
## Vine

A vine symbolizes Christ, the foundation of life and nourishment of all people, who, in turn, are like branches. When separated from the vine, we branches can't survive — at least not spiritually. "Apart from me," says Jesus, "you can do nothing" (John 15:5, NIV). But as God the gardener tends this relationship, we branches grow stronger and more mature in Jesus and alongside one another.



# SPRING

Make this beautiful craft to remind you of God's gift of new life at springtime.



## What you need:

- White 11" x 17" paper
- Acrylic paint (various spring colors, including green)
- Paintbrush
- Empty two-liter plastic bottle
- Paper plates
- Paper towels

## What you do:

1. With the paper placed vertically, paint stems and leaves with green paint.
2. Pour a different color of paint onto a paper plate. Then place the bottom of the bottle into the paint.
3. Using the bottle as a stamp, press it onto the paper to create a flower atop a green stem.
4. Repeat with different colors on different plates, cleaning the bottle each time, to create a beautiful spring bouquet.

# The Lighter Side

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that, if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons were probably involved.

They boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed, but asked to see them individually. So the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

They boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open, wide-eyed. So the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God!!?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and belted, "WHERE IS GOD!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his

closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The youngest brother gasped for breath and replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time dude. God is missing and they think WE did it!"

## A child's perspective:

A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, "God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean."

To the question "What does your mom do in her spare time?" one youngster said, "Mothers don't do spare time."

When the children were asked "Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?" one child replied, "God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me."

Dad came home to find toys all over the living room, dirty dishes stacked in the sink, clothes piled in the laundry room, beds unmade and kids still in their pajamas. The house was a wreck, like nothing he'd seen before.

Worried, Dad rushed upstairs to find Mom reading a book in bed.

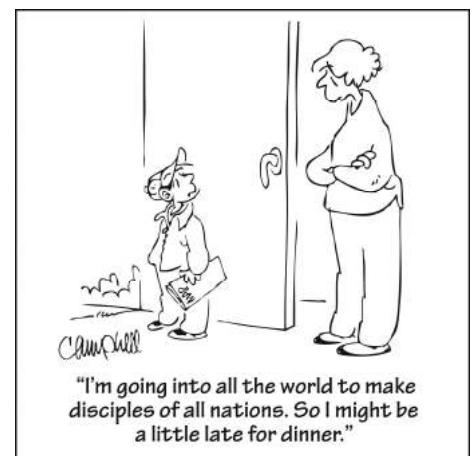
"Are you okay?" he asked. "What happened?"

"You know how you always ask what I do all day?" Mom replied. "Well, today I decided not to do it."

A mother mouse and a baby mouse are walking along when suddenly a cat attacks them. The mother mouse shouts "BARK!" and the cat runs away. "See?" the mother mouse says to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"





Mother to daughter advice:  
Cook a man a fish and you feed him for a day.  
But teach a man to fish and you get rid of him for the whole weekend.

*HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!*



MAY 2015

“If at first you don’t succeed, do it like your mother told you.: - Author unknown

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>3</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship with communion 12:00 p.m. Music & Worship 2:00 p.m. Rochester Manor Service	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. Daughters of Grace Dinner 	<b>5</b> 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Team 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anon.	<b>6</b> 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. The Gathering 7:00 p.m. Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>7</b> 6:00 p.m. Community Table 7:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Set-up	<b>8</b> 1:30 p.m. McGuire Service 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up	<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale
<b>10 Mothers' Day</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	<b>11</b> 5:30 p.m. Tiny Tots Training	<b>12</b> 6:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anon. Anniversary Dinner 7:00 p.m. Property Committee 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir	<b>13</b> 1:00 p.m. Senior Fellowship 3:00 p.m. Franciscan Manor Service 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. The Gathering 7:00 p.m. Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>14 Ascension of Our Lord</b> 6:00 p.m. Community Table 7:00 p.m. Council	<b>15</b> 1:30 p.m. McGuire Service  <b>Grace Visitor Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship with communion	<b>18</b>	<b>19 Election Day</b> 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anon.	<b>20</b> 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. The Gathering 7:00 p.m. Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>21</b> 6:00 p.m. Community Table	<b>22</b> 1:30 p.m. McGuire Service	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Pentecost Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	<b>25 Memorial Day</b>  Office Closed	<b>26</b> 6:00 p.m. Community Table 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anon.	<b>27</b> 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. The Gathering 7:00 p.m. Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>28</b> 6:00 p.m. Community Table 6:30 p.m. Book Club	<b>29</b> 1:30 p.m. McGuire Service	<b>30</b> 
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