



Dear Friends in Christ,

Do you know the story of Daniel? Of his friends in the fiery furnace? Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue and ordered all to bow to it in worship. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of

the king, but faithful to the God of Israel, refused. In a rage, the king had them tossed into a fiery furnace to die. As they entered the furnace, this was their prayer:

Bless the Lord, sun and moon;
Bless the Lord, stars of heaven;
Bless the Lord, all rain and dew;
Bless the Lord, all you winds;
Bless the Lord, fire and heat;
Bless the Lord, dews and falling snow;
Bless the Lord, nights and days;
Bless the Lord, light and darkness;
Bless the Lord, ice and cold;
Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat;
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Wow! what amazing faith they showed; to praise the Lord and give God glory, on what was surely the worst day of their lives! These three faithful called upon all earth and everything in it to praise and give thanks at all times... day and night, winter and summer alike.

The Lord never abandons us. Do we respond in kind? Everyone knows, summer is the time when church attendance, giving, event participation tend to fizzle considerably. But why? God's abundance, blessings, and love don't take the summer off, so why should we take a vacation from worship and praise?

What, you want us to skip our vacation?!

No! Absolutely not.

We work hard, and we need rest. And everyone needs time away to refresh, renew, and revitalize. Even Jesus took a few days and headed off into the mountains to rest, pray, and get away from it all. Summer is a great time to do likewise. But summer is not a reason for us to forget about God for a couple of months.

If you're away for the summer, I encourage you to find a local church where you're staying. If you're here, and Sunday morning dawns spectacularly, come to worship and thank God for it. If the heat of summer becomes a health risk for you, stay where you can be cool. Stay home and pray, remember us in your prayers, and let us know if you need anything. And just a reminder, Grace's sanctuary at Coen St. is air conditioned!

This summer will find Grace Lutheran buzzing with activity—Sunday worship, special learning events, social gatherings, visioning events, outreach events, all kinds of great stuff! I pray you will all be a part of our ongoing life of faith together this summer.

But wait, what about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

The Lord did not abandon them. All three walked out from the flames unscathed. Not even a sunburn!

May the God of all seasons continue to bless and keep you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Diane



**BEGINNING JUNE 10th ,
OUR WEEKLY 9:30AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP
SERVICE
WILL BE HELD AT OUR
COEN STREET
SANCTUARY
170 COEN ST., NAUGATUCK, CT**

Some Highlights from the May Congregational Council Meeting



Property concerns continue to be a main focus in council discussions. Council approved the hiring of a tree specialist to trim branches from the large tree in the Coen St. parking lot. We will also be renting a dumpster for the moving / cleanup day on June 9th. And we're looking into re-keying the Coen St. buildings.

Latest word on the sale of the Salem St. properties is that the sale still looks solid, and we're in the final stages of negotiation, with an anticipated closing date in late June.

The Forward Leadership team and Ripple 1 team members continue their work in helping us forge our future with best practices. They recently attended an important and informative workshop on hospitality in every aspect of church operation.

A report from the daycare board informed council that enrollment is increasing and students are already being enrolled for summer programs. There will be a graduation ceremony for the school readiness students on June 8th.

Council has received two requests for Camp Calumet summer camp tuition assistance. Council is accepting written request for assistance until June 11th. After June's council meeting, we will inform applicants of campership assistant amounts.

Council voted not to have a booth at the Harvest Moon Festival this year, due to the considerable workload church volunteers are currently shouldering in this time of transition. To all who are pitching in and lending your church your time, talents, and resources, thank you for all you do to support the ministries of Grace!

ONE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PHONE NUMBER!



STARTING RIGHT AWAY, GRACE WILL HAVE ONE PHONE
NUMBER:

203-723-3402

ALL OTHER NUMBERS ARE BEING TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE



Camp Calumet offers a wonderful, fun, faith-filled experience for young people in a beautiful lakeside setting. Kids enjoy awesome activities, games, worship, and so much more. They learn, grow, and make friends for life!

Learn more about Calumet's mission and programs at:

<https://www.calumet.org/>

Or call Calumet for more information: 603-539-4773

**Grace Lutheran offers tuition assistance for summer camp.
Requests for assistance should be submitted to the
church council by June 11th.**



**SATURDAY,
JUNE 9th**
Starting at 9am

Please help us complete our move to Coen Street.

Please contact the office to let us know you'll be there to lend a hand, so we don't have to hire movers! Thank you!

gracenaugatuck@yahoo.com

(203) 723-3402

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office is now located at:

170 Coen Street

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm





June 9 – Gabriel Diamante
June 11 – Arnold Wallas
June 17 – Tom Stabler

June 17 – Heather Manis
June 19 – David Frennesson
June 29 – Pastor Diane

*If you don't see your birthday,
please let the church office know, so we can add you to the list.*



June 7 – Nancy and Don Goudreau
June 9 – Louis and Rochelle Glick

June 18 – Katie and Budge Gabrielson
June 18 – Beryl and Peter Montville

*If you don't see your anniversary,
please let the church office know, so we can add you to the list.*

JUNE WORSHIP HELPERS

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
GREETERS	Terri & Peter Meleschnig	Carol & Arnie Wallas	Charlotte Freer	Budge Gabrielson
READERS	Lisa DeBarba Harry Jancis	Jen Amodeo Lauren Burger	Jean Frennesson Sharon Kosko	Budge Gabrielson Erik Krueger
USHERS	Bob Burger Mike Hines	Patrick McMahon Gerhard Roland	Beryl Montville Karen Reisinger	David Frennesson Robert Frennesson
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Charmaine Lawton	Allan Wood	Lisa DeBarba	Carolyn Raming
ACOLYTE	Robert Frennesson	Jessica Baillargeon	Alissa Grzeika	Annaliese Baillargeon
ALTAR GUILD	Terri Meleschnig	Diane Wood	Diane Wood	Sharon Kosko

FELLOWSHIP FOR MAY

June 3 – Deb & Pete Diamante (Pot Luck)
 June 10 – **Looking for Volunteers**
 June 17 – Sharon & Ted Kosko
 June 24 – Carolyn & Bob Burger



PRAYER LIST

Please hold in prayer your brothers and sisters in Christ, especially:



Carmen Delessio, Liesel Voosen, Michael Roland,
Nora Sue Duque, Lisa Duke, Ned Squire,
Trevor Dyer, Ed Mulligan, April Fazekus,
Deborah Dadali, Joshua Peterson, Bill Hass,
Paul Eichner, Patrick Harrington, Karen Parker,
Johnny Roland, Sean Skehan, Pastor Diane,
Cherie Weiss, Rhonda Ricupero, Allan Johnson,
Nancy Luddy, Bob Sharon, Bill Smith, Jenn Wood,
and the Diamant family and King family dealing with
the effects of the storm.



Please also pray for the loved ones of Merton Brown
as they mourn his passing.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Also, there is a prayer request sheet in the church entryway.

If you want us to continue praying for someone beyond the month, just let us know.

Remembering Friends & Family

Addresses are listed below for our members who are currently unable to attend services.

A card or note is always welcome.

Betsy Robb

500 Woodside Ave, Middlebury, 06762

Lindy Parson

366 Millville Ave, Naugatuck, 06770

Mavis Hanning

Glendale Health Center
4 Hazel Ave, Naugatuck, 06770

Mildred Evenson

75 Trowbridge Place,
Naugatuck, 06770

Michael Roland

The Village at East Farms
180 Scott Rd, Room #154
Waterbury, 06705

Dorothy Fritz

Southbury Lutheran Home
990 Main St. N, Southbury, 06488

Allan Johnson

40 Lorann Dr, Naugatuck, 06770

Anita Peterson

Apple Rehab
35 Bunker Hill Rd, Watertown, 06795

Thank You For Caring!

NEWSLETTER 

Reminder: April newsletter articles and announcements
must be in no later than June 15th. Thank you!

JUNE 2018 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:45am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship			7:00pm Choir Practice	Pastor Diane is at Synod Assembly	Pastor Diane is at Synod Assembly	Moving Day 9am Pastor Diane is at Synod Assembly
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:45am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship		6:30pm Council Meeting	SCCCC Board Meeting 4pm 7:00pm Choir Practice			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:45am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship			7:00pm Choir Practice			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Community Building Use

Boy Scouts meet Mondays 7:30pm and Fridays 6:30pm at Salem St
 Overeaters Anonymous meets Tuesdays 7pm, Wednesday 12pm, Saturdays 11am at Coen St.
 AA meets Wednesdays 7:30pm, Thursdays 8pm, Fridays 7pm at Coen St
 Calvary meets Wednesdays 6:30pm and Sundays at 11am at Coen St.
 Girl Scouts meet most Tuesdays at 7pm at Salem St.



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