

# DIVINE CONNECTIONS

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## Truth with Grace



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**Bible Study:**  
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.  
**Worship Services:**  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear All,

Your council has received great news. Pastor Kuritz has been through successful triple by-pass surgery and is home recovering with support from family and health services. He is officially on medical leave and is waiting to see if he can return. We continue to keep him in our prayers. Cards and notes are gratefully received at church and will be sent to his residence weekly.

In the meantime, your council has been hard at work securing worship leader coverage, support from our Care Team to reach out to our shut-ins and continuing to thank God for all His continuing benefits to us. Be sure to continue to notify the church office of any needs you may have. Our district Dean, Pastor Scholtes, has set up clergy emergency lists for us to use in case of need.

Please continue to pray for God's work among us and for all who are ill and alone.

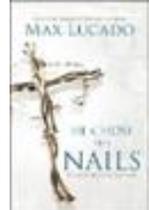
*Peace, Tom Hutton*

## LENTEN SOUP AND BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday evening soup with bread and Bible study will begin on **February 21<sup>st</sup>** at



6:30 p.m. with soup followed by Bible Study. We will be studying the Lessons from "He Chose the Nails: What God did to win your Heart" by Max Lucado. It is available in soft copy from Amazon or the Christian Book Store online. It is also available on Kindle. Hope to see you there. Be sure to sign up to make soup or bread! Thanks.



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Services for Ash Wednesday will be held on Wednesday evening, **February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** Rev. Dan Finkbiner will be preaching and disseminating ashes.



We will meet for **Palm Sunday** Services on **March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** Pastor Dan Finkbiner will be our worship leader.

There will be **NO Maundy Thursday** worship service.

**Good Friday** will be observed with the TOMEK group of congregations. It will be at noon on **Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** at a church to be determined. Please look for details.

**Easter Sunday** morning service will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** with Holy Communion. Pastor Dennis Moore will be our worship leader. We look forward to celebrating our **RISEN LORD** at that time. All are welcome!



**EASTER FLOWERS**

We will again be gracing our sanctuary with beautiful potted flowers. Please watch for email notices on ordering your flowers in honor or memory of a loved one.



**FELLOWSHIP OUTINGS**

On Saturday, February 24, we will be visiting the Everhart Museum in Nay Aug Park, Scranton, PA. A signup sheet is at the back of the church for all who are interested in attending.



On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be touring the Moravian Historical Society in Nazareth. For more information about this outing is available at the back of the church.



**CONTACT INFORMATION**

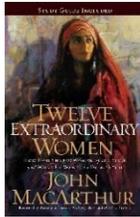
Has your address, phone number, or email changed? If so, please



contact the church office so we can update our records.

**FAITH BOOK CLUB**

The Faith Book Club will be reading “Twelve Extraordinary Women” by John MacArthur. The book is available on Amazon for \$10.99 for paperback and \$12.49 for Kindle. It is also available on Audible. We will be reading the book on our own and discussing it over brunch at the Chat ‘N Chew Café in March. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Sarah Cornell at 570-472-5560.



**WE ARE LIVE**

Our Sunday morning services are broadcast live from our website and are downloaded on Facebook each week. Please check in if you are unable to attend live with us!



**GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

*‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.’ Matthew 5:4*

The mission of our Christ-centered grief and bereavement ministry is to help people apply biblical principles and guidance as they deal with life stresses, difficult emotions, loneliness, and moving forward after the death of a loved one or other losses. Our ministry’s goals are to offer spiritual support and

comfort to individuals and families who are hurting and would benefit from having guidance in navigating their grief in an individual or group setting. There is no fee for members of Faith Lutheran and their families. Contact the church office at 570-646-0309 or Dr. Sara Cornell at 570-472-5560, or by email at [saracornell10@gmail.com](mailto:saracornell10@gmail.com).

**PRAYER LIST**

We are starting a new prayer list. If you want to include any of the names already on the list, please do so by contacting the church office. [Faitheroffice@faithlutheranblakeslee.org](mailto:Faitheroffice@faithlutheranblakeslee.org).



**A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR.**

I am healing well and resting at home comfortably with a pray shawl on my shoulders. Many thanks to everyone for your prayers and best wishes.

*-Pastor Peter Kuritz*

