



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

Grace Lutheran Church

The Third Sunday In Lent March 19, 2017

Grace Notes

Announcements

Welcome to our worship as we gather to give praise to God and receive God's blessing through his Word and Sacrament and celebrate the day of resurrection hope. We are glad you are here today!

As you face the rear of the sanctuary from inside, a nursery area is available on the other side of the doors to the left. Restrooms are available after passing through the doors on the right.

The April Newsletter will be mailed on March 28th and articles are due TODAY.

The Altar Flowers have been placed by Betty Murray in honor of her sister, Hazel's, and nephew, Rick's birthdays; Robin Lutcher in memory of her mother.

There are no church bulletins or eternal light candles this week.

This morning we welcome Pastor John Berntsen as our guest preacher. Pastor Berntsen was one of our interim pastors before we called Pastor Lutcher.

Pastor Lutcher is on vacation until March 20. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Erika Wesch at Little Zion Lutheran Church 215-723-7404.

Lillies can be purchased for Easter. Please see order forms in the Narthex. Deadline is April 2nd. Questions contact Kathy Stawasz.

A HUGE THANK YOU you to all who participated in the Dedication worship and celebration. What a marvelous source of Thanksgiving and praise to God! Thank you for being gracious hosts in so many ways and for our many musicians and service assistants. It was the joyful culmination of much sacrifice and work to God's Glory! – Pastor

Rice Bowl continues - As part of our Lent giving and Sacrifice and as a sign of Christ's sacrifice for us, a special Rice Bowl collection will be taken each Sunday of Lent following the Prayer of the Day. Your gifts will provide for those in need through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Manna on Main Street, and the Hatfield Food Bank at Emmanuel Congregational Church. Thank you for your gifts! There is a special envelope each week in your offering box and additional envelopes available in the narthex.

Memorial Tree If you have not already done so, please check out the Memorial Tree on the brick wall as you come in the main entrance. This tree honors our Capital Campaign donors and individuals memorialized. Thank you for your generous and kind gifts! Across from the tree, there is a small plaque honoring Grace Church, Bethlehem. Their gift at the closure of their congregation paid for two classrooms.

Pastor Lutcher will be on vacation from March 16-20. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Erika Wesch at Little Zion Lutheran Church 215-723-7404. Pastor John Berntsen will be our guest preacher this week.

Coffee Hour at Grace will be held each Sunday morning between the two worship services and following the 10:30 am service. Coffee and other drinks and light snacks will be served in the Atrium Lobby. Each month a member of the congregation will be in charge of finding helpers to prepare and serve coffee hour. We NEED more people to help with coffee hour set up. If you attend the 8 am service and would be willing to start the coffee before the service and set out coffee and snacks after the 8 am service, please let Lori Pluda, Kay Stone or Diane Ball know that you are willing to help!! If you are able to help between the services to refill snacks and/or help following the service to help clean up coffee hour, please tell Lori, Kay or Diane. Donations of drink mixes, coffee, and snacks are always appreciated. In addition to coffee hour, we are also providing drinks and cookies for the Sunday School Children.

Grateful Grace 2017 This year marks our 5th annual Grateful Grace gift. Grateful Grace is our way of paying it forward to other churches or organizations that have a fire or similar disaster as we experienced in December 2011. Grace received many donations from local churches and organizations when we suffered out loss of the 1904 Educational Building. A Grateful Grace donation will be made to *Our Savior Lutheran Church* through the Southeastern US Synod to assist the church and other area churches. In November 2016 fires swept through the Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge area in Tennessee and 263 families were displaced. Our Savior Lutheran Church suffered smoke damage and was not able to worship in the church until Christmas Eve. The church now serves as a staging area for volunteers who come to Gatlinburg to help with the rebuilding of homes. A Grateful Grace envelope is in your 2017 offering envelope box. Donations to Grateful Grace are accepted at any time. Thank you for considering this Stewardship outreach.

The next Bible Study will be held on March 29 at 11:00 a.m.

Stepping Stones is currently searching for staff. If you are aware of anyone who would be interested, please call the church office.

The 2017 Community Lenten Series Services

March 22 – Father Robert Tufton at St. Maria Goretti
“At the Crossroads: Compassion” -Luke 22:47-51

March 29 – Deacon Steven Vondercrone at Grace Lutheran Church
“At the Crossroads: Declaration” –Luke 22:54-62

April 5 – Pastor Clay Moyer at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church
“At the Crossroads: Obedience” –Matthew 26:36-46

Sundays in Lent- “The Five Marks of Love”

March 19- Pastor Berntsen, supply pastor. This Sunday will not be part of the series

March 26- Tend~ Responding to Human Need with Loving Service

April 2- (Also Bear Creek Camp Sunday!)- **Treasure~**
Safeguarding the Integrity of Creation and Renewing
the Life of the Earth

April 9- Transform~ Transforming Unjust Structures,
Challenging Violence of Every Kind, and Pursuing
Peace and Reconciliation

Attendance for 3/12 8:00 a.m. 20 10:30 50

General Funds \$3,706

Capital Funds \$875.25

Rice Bowl \$355.25

The Installation of Rev. Dr. Shirley S. Guider will be held on Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 107 W. Lincoln Ave. Telford, PA. Bishop Claire Burkat, Presiding
The Rev. Dr. Robert Robinson, Preaching

A Memorial Service for Betty Schultz, Karen Seiler's mother, will be held on Friday, March 24 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale. Visitation is at 10 a.m. and the service is at 11:00 a.m. Committal of ashes will be held privately prior to the service.

Compassionate Parking! Due to new fire code enforcement, we are not able to regularly use our original parking lot entrance door, which makes for a long walk into our new renovated worship area. An act of kindness and hospitality can include parking further away from the new main entrance doors if you are able to easily walk a distance. This would leave parking spaces open in the row closest to the rental home (and include the handicapped locations) for those with mobility challenges or for families with small children accompanying them. Thanks, in advance, for your help!

Participants in today's service

Acolytes	Barry Moyer, Micah Slugg
Altar Guild	Nancy Sellers, Wendy Walter
Comm. Assistant	David Kunkel
Flower Delivery	Lori Pluda
Greeters	Diane Ball, Kay Stone
Lectors	Al Lund, Charlie Roney
Nursery	Laura and Matt Slugg
Ushers	Barry and Joanne Moyer Carol and Paul MacDonald

In Our Prayers

<i>John Fischer</i>	<i>The Family of Carol Lund</i>
<i>Peg Weaver</i>	<i>Carol Buffone</i>
<i>Joan Lattanze</i>	<i>Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick</i>
<i>Pam Matolicz</i>	<i>Suzanne Colville</i>
<i>Paige Haldeman</i>	<i>Bill Forst</i>
<i>Dawn Doll</i>	<i>Larry Koffel</i>
<i>Mary Ann Little</i>	<i>Jodi & Chelsea Krawitz</i>
<i>Sandra Moyer</i>	<i>Russ Hartman</i>
<i>Yahaira Vasquez</i>	<i>The Family of Steve Swartley</i>
<i>Jim Steeley</i>	<i>Jennifer Kaler-Thomas</i>
<i>John Cisler</i>	<i>Elijah Krout</i>
<i>Don Capanear, Sr.</i>	<i>Dee Mancuso</i>
<i>Harold Hummel</i>	<i>The Family of Betty Schultz</i>
<i>The Family of Esther Chawojksy</i>	
<i>Pastor Josh Reinsburrow and his son, Henry and Danny Wagner</i>	<i>Sue Deitch</i>

This Week at Grace

Sun.	March 19
	Newsletter info. Due
	Pastor Berntsen Supply Pastor
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship
12:00 p.m.	Calvary Korean Church
Tues.	March 21
7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wed.	March 22
7:30 p.m.	Community Service at Church of the Brethren, Pastor Marianne Unger preaching
Thurs.	March 23
7:15 p.m.	Stewardship
Saturday	March 25
10 am – 3 pm	Cub Pack #510 Pack Mtg.
Sun.	March 26
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion
12:00 p.m.	Calvary Korean Church in Sanctuary

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Mailing Address and Mail Box Grace's address no longer includes P.O. Box 57. Our address is now simply 40 North Main St. We have a secure locked mailbox next to the front door that members may use when the church office is closed.

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