



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

Grace Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter **May 14, 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.

Altar Flowers have been sponsored by Tom and Joyce Salter in Memory of our mothers; by June Detweiler in memory of William Detweiler.

The Church Bulletin has been sponsored by Dee Mancuso in Memory of her husband, Joe Mancuso, Sr.

The Eternal Light Candle has been sponsored by Laura Kratz in Honor of her Grandchildren; Cole, Emma, Travis, and Colton.

Stewardship Team Video Slideshow Project

Pictures of the "construction project" are needed for a Stewardship Team project. The project will be a video slideshow for the fall stewardship campaign.

The slideshow video project will encompass the timeline from the fire on December 31, 2011 through Easter Sunday 2017. If you have less than 6 pictures to share, please send them to rlutcher@comcast.net. A larger amount of pictures should be shared using a flash drive. JPEG format is preferred. Pictures will be reviewed at our first video work session on May 30, 2017.

Lutheran Community at Telford weekly Worship Service

The chaplain at the Lutheran community at Telford has left for another call and the main weekly worship service at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays is currently being led by local pastors. Pastor Lutcher is leading the service this week at the LCT Chapel. Please let him know if you would like to come and assist.

Stepping Stones Staff Appreciation Lunch – As a way to show appreciation to our school staff and connect Grace to Stepping Stones, a lunch is being planned for Wednesday, May 31 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. for the Stepping Stones Staff. There will be a brief meeting after 10:30 worship on May 21 for anyone who would like to provide food or serve or you may let the pastor know of your willingness to help.

A New Members Class has begun. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member at Grace is invited. We are also looking for sponsors for new members to be a resource during the first year. Please see Pastor if you would like to be a new member sponsor. New members will be received on May 28 and July 30.

Hatfield Borough's Roll and Stroll will take tomorrow from 5 pm to 8 pm. As in previous years, we are opening our doors to the community and distributing our popular tomato plants. New this year will be a table for children where they can create a small terrarium – a God's Garden. If you have time, please sign up to assist that evening or bake some delicious treats to serve to our

guests. When doing your spring cleaning, if you have small (under 2 inches) knick knacks that you no longer want, we can use them for the Gardens. Any questions, ask Peggy Schmidt.

Summer Gatherings at Grace: Our Summer Gatherings on Wednesdays at Grace begin in June. Our time together starts with dinner and fellowship at **6:30 pm**. Please consider hosting one of our five Wednesday gatherings. As hosts you provide the main course and invite others to bring side dishes. 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 to be a host for one of our Wednesday Evening Picnics, please contact Kay Stone.

Summer Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, May 28th One worship service at 9:15 am

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. Kay Stone is organizing our volunteers to lead the Bible Story and Craft Time. If you would like to volunteer please contact Kay. Helpful hints will be provided to assist you in planning this fun event for our children. Our first Bible Story and Craft will be **Sunday, June 4th**.

Today is Mother's Day. The Pink and White Carnations by the altar are in honor and memory of our mothers. The funds from the sale of the carnations will be shared with Nehemiah's Way, a local shelter for those who are victims of domestic violence. *The Giving In Service Team* would like to thank you for participating in our project. If you purchased carnations, you may take them with you after either service.

Items for the June issue of the Parish Newsletter are due to Bonnie today.

Books For Babies: Our collection of Books for Babies grew thanks to all of your efforts. My original goal for all of the Hatfield churches who are participating, was for us to collect and donate 100 hard-backed baby books to Mitzvah Circle Foundation. I am very proud to announce you all have exceeded my goal; and we now have 135 books collected at Grace Church alone, and there still is time to bring in your books for the babies.

Last week, a group of adults and youth from Grace went to Mitzvah Circle Foundation for an evening to help prepare boxes for the needy families. There were less than 5 baby books for all of the boxes packed. I know our donations will have a huge impact on the smallest of children whose families are struggling with crisis. Many thanks for all of your support helping to prepare our future generations. We will never know just how far reaching our efforts will go. –Mary Catherine Reilly. The donated books will be blessed during the children's sermon today.

Our Second Patriotic Concert and Service will be held at Grace on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. There will be special music, readings, prayers, and a POW remembrance ceremony. A free will offering will be taken. Invite your friends and come as a great way to prepare for Memorial Day Weekend.

Upcoming Reformation 500 Event: *Indian Valley Cluster of Lutheran Churches* - Sunday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. at Christ, Kulpsville: **"Luther 500 – A Layman's Guide to the Reformation"** in a spirited one-hour presentation, in the style of a TED Talk, Steve Seyfried brings the story of the Reformation to life from the posting of the 95 Theses to the Peace of Augsburg that formally recognized the Lutheran Church.

Coffee Hour will continue through the summer months: *Volunteers are always needed for coffee hour. If you could help set up OR clean up, please let Lori Pluda, Diane Ball or Kay Stone know that you are willing to help. Donations of drink mixes, coffee, and snacks are always appreciated.*

Attendance for 5/7 8:00 a.m. 21 10:30 55
 General Funds for 5/7 \$3,255
 Capital Funds \$3,120

Grace-Full Questions for Easter 5

In the Gospel, Jesus says he and the Father think alike. In what ways do you think like or differently than your father or mother?

What do you think the “Dwelling Place” God has prepared for looks like? What would be included or excluded in it?

What qualities of God do you see in your mother or in one who has offered motherly care to you in your life?

Participants in today’s service

- Acolytes** Ken Seiler,
Leela Morcom, Wyeth Slugg
- Altar Guild** Janice Swartz,
Rich and Emily Woltmann
- Comm. Assistant** Karen Seiler
- Flower Delivery** Carol MacDonald
- Greeters** Don Capanear,
Dale and Mary Jane Moyer
- Lectors** Kitty Heckler, Laura Slugg
- Church Nursery** Matt and Laura Slugg
- Ushers** Ken Seiler, Bob Smyrl
Kay Stone, Kay Deussing
- Council Lock Up and Counters**
Al Lund, Kay Deussing

In Our Prayers

- John Fischer Joe Hopkins*
- Peg Weaver Dave Krum*
- Carol Buffone Ed Chowajsky*
- Joan Lattanze Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick*
- Suzanne Colville Pam and Fred Matolicz*
- Paige Haldeman Bill Forst*
- Dawn Doll Jennifer Kaler-Thomas*
- Mary Ann Little Jodi & Chelsea Krawitz*
- Russ Hartman Yahaira Vasquez*
- Jim Steeley James Roney and his family*
- John Cisler Elijah Krout*
- Don Capanear, Sr. Dee Mancuso*
- Jon Smyrl Sue Deitch*
- Beth Brown The Family of Barrie Finnemeyer*
- John Stangl Joe McGlinchey*
- The Family of Gus Lattanze*
- The Family of Betty Schultz*
- Pastor Josh Reinsburrow and his son, Henry and Danny Wagner The Family of Ralph Adams*

This Week at Grace

Sun.	May 14 Newsletter info. due to Bonnie
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School New Members’ Class
10:30 a.m.	Worship
12:30 p.m.	Calvary Korean Church
Mon.	May 15
5-8 p.m.	Roll and Stroll
Tues.	May 16
11:30-1:30 pm	KCB Architect Truck on Parking Lot
7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wed.	May 17
2:30 p.m.	Lutheran Community at Telford weekly worship service
Thurs.	May 18 <i>Pastor at Continuing Ed.</i>
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
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12:30 noon	Calvary Korean Church
2:00 p.m.	Luther 500 Presentation by Steve Seyfried at Christ, Kulpsville

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