



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

Grace Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 28, 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.

**During the summer months** there is no nursery attendant. Parents with small children are welcome to use the nursery if needed.

Bible Story and Craft Time for Children will begin next Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Altar Flowers** have been sponsored by Kitty Heckler in Honor of all the men and women in our Armed Forces; by Barb Watts in Honor of her mother, Evelyn Watts.

**The Eternal Light Candle** has been sponsored by Rich and Emily Woltmann.

*During worship today, Christopher Keller and Tom Hopwood will be received as new members of Grace. Chris' new member sponsor is Bob Reilly. Tom's new member sponsor is Al Lund.*

**Thank you** to all who planned, hosted, and provided refreshments for our two most recent community events, the Hatfield Roll and Stroll and the Patriotic Concert and Service. Grace was a welcome presence in our community!

#### 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](mailto: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.

**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 this Wednesday, May 31 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. for the Stepping Stones Staff.

**Summer is Picnic Time:** Our Summer Gatherings on Wednesdays at Grace begin on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Join us for dinner is at **6:30 pm**. Come anytime during the

evening as your schedule allows. This is a great time to catch up with Grace Friends during the summer when our schedules are busy with traveling and family activities. Bring your favorite **picnic dish** to share and a lawn chair or blanket. If you have a favorite **outdoor game** to share, bring it too. Event is rain or shine!!

The Dates for the Picnics are:

**June 28<sup>th</sup> HOSTS: Church Council Members at Grace**

**July 12<sup>th</sup> HOSTS: Lori and Jim Pluda at their home**

**July 26<sup>th</sup> HOSTS: Bonnie and John Stangl at their home**

**August 9<sup>th</sup> HOSTS: Peggy and Bruce Schmidt at their home**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> Host needed**

If you would like more information about our Wednesday Evening Picnics, please contact Kay Stone.

**EXERCISE CLASS.** Want to try something new ....join a core strengthening class. This is a low impact non jumping class.

WHEN: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017 from 6:30-7:30 pm

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 40 N. Main Street, Hatfield, PA

COST: Introductory offer \$20 (Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church)

WHO: Ages 18 and up

What is needed: exercise mat

Bring a friend everyone is welcome. We must have at least 10-15+ people to hold the class. Contact Kathy Stawasz if interested. Deadline is 5/26/17.

#### Summer Worship Schedule begins today. 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 4<sup>th</sup>**.

*The June* issue of the Parish Newsletter will be mailed on May 23 at 10 am.

#### Lutheran Community at Telford, Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Grace will be hosting the 2:30 pm church service at the Lutheran Community. If you are available to assist at this service, please contact Kathy Stawasz.

**Thank You** to everyone who purchased carnations for our Mother's Day Project. The 138 pink and white carnations looked so beautiful by the altar. The funds from this project help Nehemiah's Way provide much needed services to the victims of domestic violence. Thanks for your generosity!!*The Giving in Service Team*

**Coffee Hour** will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning May 28<sup>th</sup> following our 9:15 am worship

service. Please join us for coffee and snacks. Volunteers are needed for each Sunday to prepare the coffee and snacks. If you are able to 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.

**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 over 200 books collected.

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.

**Attendance for 5/21** 8 a.m. 24 10:30 a.m. 39  
 General Funds for 5/21 \$3,553  
 Capital Funds \$1,630

**Grace-Full Questions for Easter 7**

Jesus is giving a message of His love to his closest followers in the Gospel today. In what ways do you show love to your family, fellow Grace Members, and strangers?

How did Jesus show love to his closest followers and to the strangers he met? In what ways was it the same or different?

**Key Verse** “Men of Galilee,” they said, “Why do you stand there looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” -Acts 1:11

**Participants in today’s service**

- Acolyte** Kay Stone
- Altar Guild** Janice Swartz,  
Rich and Emily Woltmann
- Comm. Assistant** Frank Stone
- Flower Delivery** Kitty Heckler
- Greeters** Dale and Mary Jane Moyer
- Lector** Frank Stone
- Ushers** 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*
- Thomas Hudson* *The Family of Ralph Adams*
- The Family of Gus Lattanze*
- The Family of Betty Schultz*
- Pastor Josh Reinsburrow and his son, Henry and Danny Wagner*

**This Week at Grace**

Sun.	May 28
9:15 a.m.	Worship/Communion/New Members Received
12:30 noon	Calvary Korean Church
Wed.	May 31
11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
12:30-2	Stepping Stones Lunch
Thurs.	June 1
7:30 p.m.	Kirby Smith Planning Mtg.
Sun.	June 4
9:15 a.m.	Worship/Communion
12:30 noon	Calvary Korean Church
2:30 p.m.	Lutheran Community at Telford Worship

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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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