



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

Grace Lutheran Church

The First Sunday in Advent December 3, 2017

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.

A Congregational Meeting will be held today following the 10:30 a.m. service for the sole purpose of approving a budget for 2018 recommended by the church council. Copies of budget are available in the narthex.

Communion Choice: White grape juice is available for you to choose during communion. The white grape juice is in small communion cups in a silver tray on a table located at the right front row of chairs near the altar. As you approach the altar you may take a glass from the tray with you to the altar. When the chalice is brought to you, you drink the cup of grape juice. Empty cups may be returned to the empty side of the tray.

Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project TIME TO SHOP FOR OUR FAMILIES!! The display for our Adopt-A-Family Project is in the narthex. Please take a few minutes to check out the display. You may participate in several different ways in our collection of items for our three families from the Hatfield area. You can choose a gift or gift card to purchase for our families. A wish list of items for each family is available for your choosing. We are also collecting items for the Angel Boxes. These items are everyday supplies needed by our families. A shopping list is provided for you. Please return your gift(s) with receipts by **Sunday, Dec. 17th**. If you would like the Confirmation class to do your shopping, please give your donation to Pastor Lutcher by Sunday, Dec. 3rd. What a wonderful way to share the Christmas Spirit by giving to one of our families. The *Giving In Service Team* appreciates your generosity!

The Altar Flowers have been sponsored by Laura Kratz in memory of her husband, Earl Kratz and The Walter Family in honor of our friends and family.

2018 Altar Flower Sponsor sheets are posted on the board in the Narthex. Sign up early to sponsor flowers on your special Sunday. Questions contact Kathy Stawasz.

There is no Bulletin or Eternal Light sponsor this morning.

For many people the holiday season is not full of the type of joy and happiness that you see in our TV programs and ads this time of year. For some this is the first holiday season without a loved one who has died. Others might be coping with the trauma of divorce, the loss of a job, difficult or challenging changes in their home, school or job. The Blue Christmas service is a time to come together to remember and comfort one another that in the midst of darkness, Christ brings light. It is a quiet, reflective service and will include an opportunity for each person to light a candle in remembrance of a person or to mark an event in that person's life. The Blue Christmas service, sometimes known as the Longest Night Service will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 7 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Telford, and is open to the

community. The date was chosen because it is close to the solstice, the longest night of the year. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. Tell your friends and family.

All are invited to Christmas Carol and share joy with our home bound members next Sunday, December 10 after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will have a light pizza lunch (provided), then travel to those most unable to attend Christmas Worship.

Jesus Birthday Party will be held Saturday Dec 16th 10am-Noon. All ages welcome, invite friends and family to join in this event -- we will sing songs, do crafts, and have a special Birthday Cake! There is a sign up sheet on the display poster in the Narthex or you can RSVP Lori Pluda (knowing the count is just to help to know how many volunteers are needed) Thanks, hope to see you there!

GAME NIGHT – Grace Lutheran Church

Dates January 7, 2017

Time: 5pm – 8pm

We'll provide the Meatballs Sandwiches and Salad You provide the chips and desserts. Bring your favorite board or card game to play. Then we'll finish out the night with an all group game of Charades. All are Welcome so bring your friends!

Coat Drive: things are often measured in what is sometimes called, "all in the numbers". This year our numbers for the Coat Drive look like this: 180 coat requests, 93 families served, 200 coats donated, 32 helpers. Our numbers keep growing as needs arise. Many of the coats will now be distributed for Christmas needs. This was truly a Hatfield community effort. This project was a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community. Many thanks to all who donated and helped.

From the Stewardship and Living in God's Grace Committees We hope everyone considers a faith promise to our regular Stewardship and Capital campaign. Please return your responses in the envelope provided and put it in the offering plate or give to the church office.

Poinsettias will be available for decoration of our Chancel. Order forms are in the Narthex. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, 12/3/17. Questions: contact Kathy Stawasz.

Altar Guild is looking for additional members, especially to help with the 10:30 services. Duties include setting up and cleaning up the bread and wine for communion. Please call or speak to Emily Woltmann if you are interested in helping with this committee contact Emily. Thank you.

Prayer Pots for our veterans and those serving in the military or in our community will be available during the month of November. Here is how it works. If you have someone that you would like to have prayers sent to, just write their name on the stick and place it in the pot. If you would like to pray for someone, just take the stick out of the pot and pray for them. You can return the name after a week and select another one or pray for the same person during the month. Everyone can use some extra prayers, especially those that protect and serve – so please join us.

Electronic Giving. Did you know that you are able to give to Grace electronically? Our program *Simply Giving* allows you to do this. We now call *Simply Giving – Electronic Giving*. Participating in Electronic Giving is easy to set up and easy to change. If you haven't previously set up electronic giving, forms along with instructions are available in the Narthex at the bulletin boards or you can request one from the church secretary. There are two huge benefits to using **Electronic Giving**. For you, it simplifies your life so you don't have to

remember to bring your envelope to church each week and your giving is also there when you are not able to be at church on a particular Sunday. For Grace, it helps us manage expenses when our gifts are received on a regular basis. Please remember you can still use your offering envelopes for special appeals and for additional regular giving.

Today is the last Sunday to send Christmas Cards “postage free” to our home bound members.

Attention all Serving Volunteers Thank you for serving in 2017. It is that time of year when we put together the 2018 serving schedule. If you are currently scheduled to serve and do not want to serve in 2018 please let the person in charge know by 12/4/17. If we do not here from you we will keep you on the schedule.

We are also looking for NEW volunteers. Please feel free to talk to anyone in charge of a serving area. THANKS!!

8/10:30 - Altar Guild - Emily Woltmann

8/10:30 - Communion Assistants - Carol MacDonald

8/10:30 - Lectors - Karen Seiler

8/10:30 - Acolytes - Kathy Stawasz

8/10:30 - Ushers - Kay Stone

8/10:30 - Greeters - Tami Sarm

8/10:30 - Coffee Hour - Lori Pluda

10:30 - Nursery - Kathy Stawasz

10:30 - Flower Deliver - Kathy Stawasz

10:30 - Paraments - Emily Woltmann

Attendance for 11/26 8 am 23 10:30 50

General Fund \$1,905

Capital Fund \$2,620

TIME and TALENT: As part of Stewardship month we would like you to consider your time and talent given to Grace Church. A TIME and TALENT form was included in the October Parish News. Please take a moment and fill out the form. Return the form to Grace during the Sundays of October and place it in the basket in the narthex. Consider sharing your time and talent doing something new at Grace. *The Stewardship Team (Tom Salter, Kay Deussing, Robin Lutcher, Wendy Walter, Anna Walter, Kay Stone)*

Grace-Full Questions for Advent 1

How are you getting ready for Christmas—spiritually, mentally, physically?

Who are you planning to give to? Who is giving to you? Are you giving in joy without an expectation to receive?

What do you think it will look like when Jesus returns to earth? What will it mean for you and the world?

What can you do to make a better Advent for you? What might you choose to give up?

Participants in today’s services

Acolytes Dave Kunkel,
Olivia Stone, Leela Morcom

Altar Guild Wendy Walter
Kay Stone and Tami Sarm

Counters & lockup Joanne Moyer, Laura Slugg

Flower Delivery Harold Schaefer

Comm. Assistants Joanne Moyer, Bob Reilly

Greeters Kitty Heckler,
Frank and Kay Stone

Lectors Kitty Heckler, Tami Sarm

Church Nursery Bonnie and Kim Stangl

Ushers Don Capanear, Al Lund
The Kaler Family

In Our Prayers

John Fischer Hayley Reath
Bob Kaler Marilyn Homan
Peg Weaver Dave Krum
Carol Buffone Joan Lattanze

Suzanne Colville
Paige Haldeman
Laura Morcom
Nancy Sellers
Jim Steeley
John Cisler
Don Capanear, Sr.
B.J. Moyer- Kuhn
Beth Brown
Joe Hopkins
Jennifer Kaler-Thomas
Kristopher Yoder
Jerry Kratz
Layla Lapino

Pam and Fred Matolicz
Al Godshall
Thomas Hudson
Laura Cooper
James Roney and his family
Elijah Krout
Sue Deitch
The Family of Chris McMahon
Joe McGlinchey
Muriel Rosenfelt
Dawn Doll
Dorene Bobb
Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick
Pastor Josh Reinsburrow and his son, Henry, and Danny Wagner

This Week at Grace

Sun.	December 3
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion Budget Mtg. to follow
12 Noon	Calvary Korean Church
Mon.	December 4
7:00 -10p.m.	Laymen Playmen
Tues.	December 5
7:00 p.m.	Stitchers
7-10 p.m.	Laymen Playmen
Wed.	December 6
10:00 a.m.	WELCA
12 noon	Cluster Meeting
Thurs.	December 7
7:00 -10 p.m.	Laymen Playmen
7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sun.	December 10
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Christmas Caroling

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