



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

### **Grace Lutheran Church**

*The Second Sunday in Advent      December 10, 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.

*We may be taking photos or video recordings during Grace events. You will be giving your consent that any pictures and/or video taken may be published and/or distributed by Grace Lutheran Church (i.e. Facebook, website, promotional materials) by attending these events. Please let Pastor Lutcher, or a church council member, know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.*

**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 **next Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like the Confirmation class to do your shopping, please give your donation to Pastor Lutcher by Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 The Stawasz Family in Honor of our friends and family; by Harold Schaefer in Memory of his parents, Harold and Elaine Schaefer.

**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 today 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. We will be finished by 3 p.m.

**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.

**Confirmation has been rescheduled** from Wednesday, December 13 to December 20 due to conflicts with school activities.

**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.

#### **December Worship Schedule**

##### **December 17 Campaign Celebration Sunday**

*9:15 a.m. Sunday School*

*One Communion Service at 10:30 a.m.*

*Christmas decorating to follow*

##### **December 24-4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

*1 service at 9:15 a.m. Communion, No Sunday School*

##### **December 24 Christmas Eve**

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services at 4 and 9 p.m.*

##### **December 31 New Year's Eve**

*1 service at 9:15 a.m. Communion, No Sunday School*

**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.

**Attendance for 12/3 - 8 am 25 10:30 67**

General Fund \$2,458

Capital Fund \$1,259

**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 2

How did John's message reflect the modern phrase "it's not about you". How can we take that phrase into account in our own lives?

How are you "preparing the way" for Christmas? Are you doing what really needs to be done? Is it a balance?

Why did John think baptism was so important? Is there someone in your life who you could encourage to be baptized?

*Key Verse:* <sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. -2 Peter 3:8-9.

#### Participants in today's services

**Acolytes** Anna Walter,  
Wyeth Slugg, Seth Herculini  
**Altar Guild** Wendy Walter  
**Counters & lockup** Joanne Moyer, Laura Slugg  
**Flower Delivery** Kathy Stawasz  
**Comm. Assistant** Karen Seiler  
**Greeters** Laura Slugg (10:30)  
**Lectors** Michele Koffel, Laura Slugg  
**Church Nursery** The Slugg Family  
**Ushers** Barry and Joanne Moyer,  
Paul and Carol MacDonald

#### In Our Prayers

John Fischer Hayley Reath  
Bob Kaler Marilyn Homan  
Peg Weaver Dave Krum  
Carol Buffone Joan Lattanze  
Suzanne Colville Pam and Fred Matolicz  
Paige Haldeman Al Godshall  
Laura Morcom Thomas Hudson  
Nancy Sellers Laura Cooper  
Jim Steeley James Roney and his family

John Cisler Elijah Krout  
Don Capanear, Sr. Sue Deitch  
B.J. Moyer- Kuhn The Family of Chris McMahon  
Beth Brown Joe McGlinchey  
Joe Hopkins Muriel Rosenfelt  
Jennifer Kaler-Thomas Dawn Doll  
Kristopher Yoder Dorene Bobb  
Jerry Kratz Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick  
Layla Lapino Annabell Ferrero  
Cindy Hackman  
Pastor Josh Reinsburrow and his son, Henry,  
and Danny Wagner

#### This Week at Grace

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>December 10</b>
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Christmas Caroling
12 Noon	Calvary Korean Church
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>December 11</b>
7:30 p.m.	Christian Connections
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>December 12</b>
7:15 p.m.	Worship and Music
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>December 13</b>
10:00 a.m.	Stepping Stones Program
7:15-9 pm	Scout Leader Mtg.
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>December 14</b>
6:30 p.m.	Council
7:00 p.m.	Choir
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>December 15</b>
6:30 p.m.	Pack Mtg.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>December 16</b>
10 am-noon	Happy Birthday Jesus Party
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>December 17</b>
	<b>Campaign Celebration Sunday</b>
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion/Sanctuary decorating following worship

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