



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

Grace Lutheran Church

The Third Sunday in Advent December 17, 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.

The Altar Flowers have been sponsored by Tom and Joyce Salter in Honor of the birthdays of Peter Fischer and Nancy Dustman;
by Barb and Beverly Watts Wishing our family and friends a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2018.

The Eternal Light Candle has been sponsored in Honor of Aubrey's 5th birthday by Pastor and Robin Lutcher.

There is no Bulletin sponsor this morning.

YOGA (Hatha) CLASS - All-levels. Poses and sequences will work on using all parts of the body, and will vary from week to week. This will be suitable for those with some yoga experience but also for anyone with little to none, as options will be offered for the various poses. The goal is to work on strength and flexibility gradually while gaining an ability to focus on breath and awareness.

WHEN: Wednesday(s) - January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,

2018 From 6:15-7:15 pm

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

COST: \$25 (\$5/class) (Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church)

WHO: Ages 18 and up

What is needed: exercise mat (let me know if you need one) Invite a friend or family member everyone is welcome. We must have at least 10-15+ people to hold the class. Contact Kathy Stawasz if interested.

Thank you to those who joined in Christmas Caroling last Sunday to spread Christmas joy to our homebound members!

Annual Reports are due to the church office by Monday, January 8.

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 today**. We will be preparing the gifts TODAY for distribution to our families. What a wonderful way to share the Christmas Spirit by giving to one of our families. Thanks to all of you who blessed our families with these gifts.

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 today 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.

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!

*****2018 church envelopes are out. If you want credit for your contributions, please remember not to use your 2018 envelopes until January 2018.**

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 was 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. Thank you.

Hatfield Food Cupboard: We continue to collect items for the Food Cupboard throughout the year. Some items that are needed at present are: peanut butter, canned meat & beef stew, large (29-30 oz.) canned fruit or applesauce, toilet paper (individually wrapped if possible), women's deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Updated lists of items are on the bins where the items are placed. *Thank you, The Giving In Service Team*

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 24-4th 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

Please invite someone to attend these services with you!

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 10/10 - 8 am 17 ; 10:30 43

General Fund \$4,372

Capital Fund \$1,840

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 3

What is the mission of the Lord's followers according to the first 4 verses of the First Lesson? Which of these things do you do well? Which ones might you try to add? How?

What are the three verbs for Christmas in verses 16-18 in our Second Lesson? How faithful are you to these tasks?

Replace the name "John" in the first three verses of the Gospel with your name and change the pronoun if appropriate. How might you share the Light?

Key verse: ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Participants in today's services

Acolytes	Tara Clegg and Leela Morcom
Altar Guild	Wendy Walter
Counters & lockup	Joanne Moyer, Laura Slugg
Flower Delivery	Mary Catherine Reilly
Comm. Assistant	Robin Lutcher
Greeters	Frank and Kay Stone
Lectors	Carol MacDonald
Church Nursery	Jeff and Beth Krout
Ushers	Kathy Stawasz and Jeff Krout

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	Keira Drissel
Barbara Masser	Chip Wood
Pastor Josh Reinsburrow and his son, Henry, and Danny Wagner	

This Week at Grace

Sun.	December 17
	Campaign Celebration Sunday
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion
12 Noon	Calvary Korean Church
Mon.	December 18
	Pastor at continuing education
Wed.	December 20
6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Thurs.	December 21
7:00 p.m.	Choir
Sun.	December 24
9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Advent
4:00 p.m.	Candlelight Communion Service <i>Christmas Eve</i>
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