



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

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
*The Baptism of Our Lord*

*January 7, 2018*

### **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.*

**Capital Campaign Update:** Thus far we have received 30 commitments totaling over \$128,784. We are well on our way to our \$200,000 goal. If you have not yet submitted a commitment card please do so. The Finance Team appreciates knowing what giving levels to expect. Please return completed forms in the offering plate or in the box in the narthex. There are additional forms in the narthex.

**Christmas Ornaments:** In celebration of our first year in the new building, and as a thank you for your support, the Living in God's Grace team is giving Christmas ornaments featuring the new church to everyone. The ornaments, in envelopes addressed to each family, are in the narthex on the table with the offering envelopes. Please pick up yours. We have some extra ornaments available for a \$10 donation to the Capital Campaign. If you have any questions, please see Tami Sarm, Joyce Salter or Tom Salter.

**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 The Stawasz Family in Honor of Janell's 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Stepping Stones** is looking for new or used Children's snow pants sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, and 6/7 and boots sizes 6,8,10, and 12.

**The Giving in Service Team** would like to thank all of you who helped to make the Adopt-a-Family project a success. All the wishes of our three families were granted!! Thanks to your generosity the families enjoyed a Christmas filled with joy and blessings.

**Advent and Christmas Thanks-** Many thanks to those who made the Advent and Christmas seasons wonderful at Grace. Those of you who purchased gifts for needy families, shared your appreciation to the church staff, wrote cards, visited and caroled for those unable to come to Grace, decorated the church, prepared vocal and

instrumental music, served as worship assistants, came to worship and gave offerings and commitments for 2018-- we offer to you our mutual gratitude and God's blessings upon you and those you love in this new year.

**Spiritual Gifts Retreat-** Pastor Lutcher will be offering a special retreat for spiritual growth on Saturday, January 20 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Lutheran Community in Telford. It will be an opportunity to learn about spiritual gifts and to identify and appreciate your gifts and the gifts of other participants. It will be a great way to dig deeper into our life together and to encourage each other. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided and there is no charge. If you are interested, need further information, or would like to attend, please contact the Pastor before Thursday, January 11. Space is limited!

**Our Congregational Annual Meeting** will be held on Saturday, January 27, beginning with a covered dish meal at 5 pm. Council members will be bringing main dishes, all others are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share. We will review the past year, hold elections, and participate in a Congregational Asset-Mapping Exercise as part of our goal setting and to imagine our future together in ministry. All submissions for the Annual Report Booklet are due by Monday, January 8. Electronic Submissions are preferred.

**Mitzvah Circle Service Night** for our confirmation class, other youth age 10 or older, parents, and others interested will be held on Wednesday, January 17 from 6-8 pm. We will meet at Grace's parking lot at 5:45 pm. Participants will sort clothing donations and fill orders for needy families. Your work will be valuable for the care of others and you will be part of a wonderful community service organization! Please see the Pastor if you are interested in attending.

**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.

**Annual Reports** are due to the church office by tomorrow.

**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!*

**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*

**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.

**Laurel House Valentine's Day Project:** The *Giving In Service Team* would like your support for our Valentine's Day Project for **Laurel House**. We will collect items for the women and children of Laurel House. This agency provides shelter, care and counseling for abused women and children of Montgomery County. Please check out the display in the narthex and pick up a wish list of items needed for Laurel House. Consider adding one or two of these items to your shopping list. **Please drop off your gifts by Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Attendance for 12/31/17: 34**

**General Fund \$1,359 Capital Fund \$675**

**Grace-Full Questions for the Baptism of Our Lord**  
Why do you think Jesus was baptized?

When and where was your baptism? Who was there?  
Do you have sponsors/godparents?  
What difference does your baptism make in your life as a Christian?

If you are a parent, sponsor, or godparent for someone baptized, how have you lived out that life-long commitment to support that person in the faith?

Why do you think so many people listened to John and responded to John's message by being baptized, despite John's odd clothing and diet?

*Key Verse: "Pray that the Lord will make us strong and give us peace." –Psalm 29:11*

**Participants in today's services**

**Acolytes** Al Lund, Bob Kaler Family  
**Altar Guild** Janice Swartz, Mary Jane Moyer  
**Flower Delivery** Lori Pluda  
**Comm. Assistants** Robin Lutcher, Bob Reilly  
**Greeters** Janice Swartz, Tracey Frick, Chris Keller  
**Lectors** Bruce Schmidt, Betty Murray  
**Nursery** Kay Stone and helper  
**Ushers** Ken Seiler, Bob Smyrl, The Bob Kaler Family

**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* Fred Wiesinger  
*The Family of Joey Mancuso*  
*Jean Goetter*

**This Week at Grace**

Sun.	January 7
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion
12:30 p.m.	Central Philadelphia Church (Formerly the Korean Church)
5-8 p.m.	Game Night
Mon.	January 8
	<i>Annual Reports due Pastor at continuing education</i>
7:00 p.m.	Stepping Stones Mtg.
7-9 p.m.	Scouts
7:30 p.m.	Christian Connections Committee
Tues.	January 9
7:15 p.m.	Worship and Music
Wed.	January 10
11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
6:15-7:15pm	Yoga
Thurs.	January 11
7:15 p.m.	Stewardship Mtg.
Sat.	January 13
1:00 p.m.	Recital in Sanctuary
Sun.	January 14
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 p.m.	Worship

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