



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

Grace Lutheran Church

The New Year's Eve

December 31, 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.

Capital Campaign Update: Thus far we have received 27 commitments totaling over \$121,000. 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 Kitty Heckler in Honor of the 1st birthday of her great-grandson, Orion; by Kay and Frank Stone in Honor of all Grace Volunteers.

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.

Many thanks to our worship servers for their help at the Christmas Eve morning and evening services. Also, thank you to all of you who helped to decorate and prepare our worship space for Christmas.

Thank you to all our members for their generous giving of time and gifts to share with others during the holiday season. May God's richest blessings be upon you as you have been a blessing to others.

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 the coming year.

WELCA will meet on January 3 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace. Joyce Salter will lead a Bible Study. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert will be provided.

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 Monday, January 8.

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!

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.

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.

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.

Attendance for 12/24: 9:15 am 43; 4pm 120; 9pm 81
For all services combined:
General Fund \$9,294
Capital Fund \$1,372

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)*

Participants in today's services

- Acolytes** Al Lund, Kay Stone
- Altar Guild** Kay Stone
- Flower Delivery** Kay Stone
- Comm. Assistant** Frank Stone
- Greeter** Kay Deussing
- Lector** Joyce Salter
- Ushers** Al Lund, Kay Stone

In Our Prayers

- John Fischer*
- Bob Kaler*
- Peg Weaver*
- Carol Buffone*
- 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*
- Barbara Masser*
- The Family of Joey Mancuso*
- Pastor Josh Reinsburrow and his son, Henry, and Danny Wagner*
- Hayley Reath*
- Marilyn Homan*
- Dave Krum*
- Joan Lattanze*
- 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*
- Keira Drissel*
- Fred Wiesinger*

This Week at Grace

Sun.	December 31
9:15 a.m.	Worship/Communion <i>no SCS</i>
Mon.	January 1 office closed
Tues.	January 2
7:00 p.m.	Stitchers
6:30-8pm	Confirmation
Wed.	January 3
10:00 a.m.	WELCA
6:15-7:15pm	Yoga
Thurs.	January 4
7:30 p.m.	Capital Campaign Assesment
7:00 p.m	Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	January 7 Epiphany
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 p.m.	Worship/Communion

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