

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

Grace Lutheran Church The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

Announcements

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.

The Altar Flowers have been sponsored by Dale and Mary Jane Moyer in Honor of their 53rd Wedding Anniversary; by Richard Badman in Honor of his grandson, Dermot's 14th birthday.

There are no Bulletin sponsors or Eternal Light Sponsors today.

For Sale: Lilies for Easter Please see order forms in the Narthex. Deadline for ordering is 3/18/18. Questions, please contact Kathy Stawasz.

Just a reminder that articles for the March Parish News are due TODAY. The newsletter will be mailed on Feb 27.

Rice Bowl Project begins TODAY: During the Lenten Season our **Rice Bowl** project touches the lives of those in need of food. In your offering envelope box, special envelopes are provided for each of the six Sundays in Lent. Envelopes are also available at the Rice Bowl Display in the narthex. A special offering will be collected during each of the Sundays in Lent. Our gifts will be shared with three organizations: The **Hatfield Food** Cupboard at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church in Hatfield, Manna on Main Street in Lansdale and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America World **Hunger**. It is our hope that you will consider giving your extra gifts by simplifying your life in some way or by making an intentional effort to put others before your needs and wants. The Rice Bowl allows small gifts to come together to make a big difference in the lives of those in need. The Giving in Service Team

The Giving in Service Team would like to thank the congregation for supporting our Laurel House project. Your gifts will provide needed supplies for the women and children cared for by the Laurel House staff. Special thanks to Laura Slugg for delivering our gifts to Laurel House.

Welcome Church Service Our Indian Valley Cluster will be worshipping with the Welcome Church in Logan Park, Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon March 4. After the 10:30 service, please go to Advent Lutheran in Harleysville and bring a bag lunch. We will leave from there for worship at 3 pm.

2018 Council Officers Elected – President, Bob Reilly; Vice President, Bob Smyrl; Secretary, Jaime Snyder; Treasurer, Tami Sarm.

Grateful Grace 2018 This year marks our 6th annual Grateful Grace gift. Grateful Grace is our way of paying it

forward to other churches or organizations that have a fire or similar disaster as we experienced in December 2011. Grace received many donations from local churches and organizations when we suffered out loss of the 1904 Educational Building. A Grateful Grace donation will be made to *a church in Puerto Rico* to help with the rebuilding after Hurricane Maria devastated the island in September 2017. A Grateful Grace envelope is in your 2018 offering envelop box. Donations to Grateful Grace are accepted at any time. Thank you for considering this Stewardship outreach.

Confirmation Class Dates for February and March are the 13^{th} and 27^{th} .

Thanks to those who supported our Souper-bowl of Caring and Synod World Hunger Appeal. We received \$213 and 46 food items. As of the day after the Superbowl, the nationwide Souperbowl of Caring raised \$1,349,453 by 677 participating groups.

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.

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.

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.

Lent 2018 Special Service Schedule- all evening services at 7:30 pm

2018 Lenten Theme- "Thy Will Be Done"
February 21, Pastor Lutcher at Hatfield Church of the
Brethren "God's Will and My Inadequacy" - Moses
February 28, Pastor Glenn Lambert at Heidelberg UCC
"God's Will and My Dreams" - David

March 7, Father Chung at Grace

"God's Will and My Identity"- Mary

March 14, Father Robert Tufton at Emmanuel EC "God's Will and My Worldview" - Paul

March 21, Clay Moyer at St. Maria Goretti

"God's Will and My Response" – Lydia

March 25, Palm/Passion Sunday-services at Grace at 8 and 10:30 am

"God's Will When We Are Not Willing"
Distribution of Palms and Holy Communion

h 29 Maundy Thursday- Services at Grace at Noc

March 29, Maundy Thursday- Services at Grace at Noon and 7:30 pm

"God's Will and Joyful Service"

Holy Communion at Both Services

March 30, Good Friday- Noon and Tenebrae Service of Growing Darkness at 7:30 pm

"God's Will Is Done"

April 1- Easter, The Resurrection of our Lord- Services at Grace at 8 and 10:30 am

"God's Will for the New Creation" Holy Communion and Special Music

A NEW YOGA (Hatha) CLASS will begin on

Wednesday, February 7th and run each week through March 28 from 6:00-7:00 pm. - 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.

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.

Medicare 101 - Educational Event

What is Medicare Part A? What is Medicare Part B? What else do I need to know about Medicare? Come to an informational meeting hosted by Thrivent Financial to learn more about Medicare. This educational event will be held at the Lansdale office of Thrivent Financial, 2031 N. Broad Street, Suite 135 on Wednesday April 11th or Tuesday April 17th, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

Attendance for 2-11-18 8 am 14 10:30 71 General - \$2,260 Capital Fund - \$490

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*

Grace-Full Questions for Lent 1B

What do you plan to give up or take on during this Lenten season? Who will benefit from your decision? Will your decision deepen your relationship with the Lord?

What are your temptations in life? How might God and God working through others help you?

What parts of the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments and Creed speak to the themes of Lent?

Key Verse

"Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long". —Psalm 25:5

Participants in today's services

Acolytes Bob Kaler Family, Don Capanear
Altar Guild June Detweiler,
Dale and Mary Jane Moyer

Flower Delivery Betty Murray Comm. Assistant Dave Kunkel

Council Duties Joanne Moyer, Kathy Stawasz

Greeters Mary Jane Moyer

LectorsPeggy Schmidt, Kathy StawaszNurseryBonnie and Kim StanglUshersAl Lund, Don CapanearKathy Stawasz, Jeff Krout

In Our Prayers

John Fischer The Family of Hayley Reath

Bob Kaler Marilyn Homan

Peg Weaver The Family of 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

Bob Swillo 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
Kristopher Yoder
Layla Lapino
Barbara Masser
Jean Goetter
Niki Moyer

Joe McGlinchey
Muriel Rosenfelt
Dawn Doll
Keira Drissel
Fred Wiesinger
Shawne Diaz
Nancy Benner

Bill Shaffer Ron and Karen Hudson

The Family of Joey Mancuso The Family of Jerry Kratz Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick

This Week at Grace

Sun.	February 18 First Sunday in Lent Newsletter Info. Due
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion/Rice bowl Offering
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship/ Rice bowl Offering
12:30 p.m.	Central Philadelphia Church (Formerly the Korean Church)
Mon.	February 19
7-9 p.m.	Scouts
Tues.	February 20
7:00 p.m.	Council
Wed.	February 21
11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
6:00-7:00 pm	Yoga
7:30 pm	Pastor Lutcher at Hatfield Church of the Brethren
7:30 p.m.	Worship
Thurs.	February 22
9:30 a.m.	H3C at Grace
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	February 25
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