



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

Grace Lutheran Church

The Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday March 25, 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 The Stawasz family in Honor of Kathy's dad's 81st birthday; by the in-reach team in Honor of Kay Deussing's birthday on 3/16; By Sara Barton in Memory of Reverend John Barton on his birthday.

There is no bulletin sponsor this week.

The Eternal Light Candle has been sponsored in Honor of Nancy Sellers' birthday by June Detweiler.

The newsletter will be mailed this coming Tuesday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m.

The Indian Valley Cluster Preacher Exchange will be held on Sunday, April 8. Pastor Shirley Guider, a former Grace intern and current pastor at St. Paul's, Telford will be at Grace and Pastor Lutcher will be at Little Zion. Please come out and welcome Shirley back to Grace!

Heidelberg UCC, Emmanuel ECC, and Grace

Lutheran Annual Golf Outing: Calling all golfers! The annual golf outing fundraiser that supports Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday May 12, 2018 at Mainland Golf Course. Create your own foursome or sign up and we'll put you with a team. The cost is \$75.00 per golfer and includes dinner at Heidelberg following the outing. If you don't golf you can still support Bible School by sponsoring a hole for \$25.00. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. All checks should be made to Heidelberg UCC and can be given to Jeff or put in his church mailbox. For more information contact Jeff Krout. Thanks!

The Rice Bowl Project continues: 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 Stitches of Grace are having their Spring "Stitch-In" on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 10:00 - 3:00, doors open at 9:30. Come and join us for a day of 'stitching'! Bring

a project and join the fun as we spend time working on new projects or tackling those unfinished projects! Or – come and learn a new craft from a fellow 'stitcher'! Any type of stitching will do – Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Punch Needle, Crochet, Knitting, and Rug Hooking to name a few. Cost is \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door which includes lunch and snacks. There will be a display area where you can bring a finished project to show; In addition, we will be have a "stash swap" where you can bring any unwanted 'stash' (ie. patterns, supplies, etc) to share with others. **For Reservations and/or Questions, please contact Peggy Schmidt or Wendy Walter**

The next Confirmation Class will be Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Books for Babies ~For the second year the H3C, Hatfield Community Christian Coalition, is sponsoring a Book Drive, BOOKS FOR BABIES, from April 8th through Mother's Day, May 13th. All of the books collected will be delivered to Mitzvah Circle Foundation after Mother's Day.

Mitzvah Circle Foundation meets critical needs of individuals and families who are struggling with crisis, poverty, homelessness and serious illness in our local neighborhoods. One of the projects they support is a Baby Diaper Supply Bag that includes diapers, baby wash, and wipes. They send these items along with essential baby products automatically every three months to families with babies to ensure the babies' health and ability to attend day care. Schools and day cares often require a minimum of extra diapers be sent to school along with baby wipes for the children. The parents keep in touch with Mitzvah Circle Foundation to let them know of diapers size changes and additional needs. This service stops when the child is potty-trained.

Along with the Baby Diaper Supply Bags, they send with each delivery a children's hard-backed cardboard book. They have found there is only one book for every 300 homes under the poverty line in America. Giving these books to the children in every Baby Diaper Supply Bag gets books into the hands of the most vulnerable children. The babies will receive four books over the course of one year.

Mitzvah Circle Foundation needs baby books for this very important project for those families in need.

If you have any questions or would like to help deliver the books after Mother's Day, please contact MC Reilly or Joyce 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.

Stepping Stones is looking for teacher's aides for 7-9:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. until closing at 5:30 p.m. Applicants must have their state required clearances and training. Call Glenda Wismer if interested. Also needed are new or used children's snow pants sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, and 6/7 and boots sizes 6,8,10, and 12.

Lenten Services at Grace

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

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 is running at Grace 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. Class is for ages 18 and up. COST: \$5/class (Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church) What is needed: exercise mat (let Kathy know if you need one) Invite a friend or family member everyone is welcome. Contact: Kathy Stawasz, if interested.

The Installation of Rev. Mark Singh-Hueter as pastor of Advent Lutheran Church of Goschenhoppen, will be held on Sunday the 8th of April, 2018, at 3:00PM. Upper Montgomery Conference Dean Rev. Becky Schanely will preside at the installation; Rev. Brad Burke will preach. A dinner will follow the worship service; all are invited. Advent Lutheran Church is at 470 Landis Road, Harleysville PA, 19438. Get more information at 215-256-9941 or <http://adventharleysville.org/>

Attendance for 3-18-18: 8 am 26; 10:30 48
General - \$3,368 Capital Fund – \$1,400
Rice bowl total as of 3-18: \$2,619

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*

In Our Prayers

<i>John Fischer</i>	<i>Bob Kaler</i>
<i>Marilyn Homan</i>	<i>Peg Weaver</i>
<i>Carol Buffone</i>	<i>Joan Lattanze</i>
<i>Suzanne Colville</i>	<i>Pam and Fred Matolicz</i>
<i>Paige Haldeman</i>	<i>Al Godshall</i>
<i>Laura Morcom</i>	<i>Thomas Hudson</i>
<i>Nancy Sellers</i>	<i>Laura Cooper</i>
<i>Jim Steeley</i>	<i>The Family of James Roney</i>
<i>Bob Swillo</i>	<i>Elijah Krout</i>
<i>Don Capanear, Sr.</i>	<i>Sue Deitch</i>
<i>B.J. Moyer- Kuhn</i>	<i>Beth Brown</i>
<i>Joe McGlinchey</i>	<i>Jean Meibohm</i>
<i>Joe Hopkins</i>	<i>Muriel Rosenfelt</i>
<i>Jennifer Kaler-Thomas</i>	<i>Dawn Doll</i>
<i>Kristopher Yoder</i>	<i>Dorene Bobb</i>
<i>Layla Lapino</i>	<i>Keira Drissel</i>
<i>Barbara Masser</i>	<i>Fred Wiesinger</i>
<i>Jean Goetter</i>	<i>Niki Moyer</i>
<i>Bill Shaffer</i>	<i>Ron and Karen Hudson</i>
<i>Cassi Lambert</i>	<i>John Stangl</i>
<i>Rich Woltmann</i>	<i>Victoria Hercolini</i>
<i>Maryanne Grubb</i>	<i>Jacob Bregler</i>
<i>Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick</i>	
<i>The Family of Dave Krum</i>	
<i>The Family of June Sarm</i>	
<i>The Family of Joey Mancuso</i>	
<i>The Family of Jerry Kratz</i>	
<i>Stepping Stones Teachers, Ann and Heidi</i>	

The Family of Nancy Benner
Dave Watkins, family friend of Sue Weiland and the Moseng Family

This Week at Grace

Sun.	March 25 Palm Sunday
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion/Rice bowl Offering
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship/ Communion/Rice bowl Offering
12:30 p.m.	Central Philadelphia Church (Formerly the Korean Church)
Mon.	March 26
7-9 p.m.	Scouts
7:15 a.m.	Communications Committee
Tues.	March 27
10:00 a.m.	Newsletter mailing
6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Wed.	March 28
6:00-7:00 pm	Yoga
7-9 p.m.	Scouts
Thurs.	March 29, Maundy Thursday
12 noon	Worship/Communion
7:30 p.m.	Worship/Communion
Fri.	March 30 Good Friday
12 noon	Worship
7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Service
Sun.	April 1 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Our Lord
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	NO Sunday School
10:30 p.m.	Worship/Communion
12:30 p.m.	Central Philadelphia Church (Formerly the Korean Church)

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Participants in today’s services

Acolytes	Al Lund, Micah Slugg
Altar Guild	Nancy Sellers and Wendy Walter, Lori Pluda
Comm. Assist.	Robin Lutcher, Bob Reilly
Council Duties	Peggy Schmidt, Rich Woltmann
Greeters	Kitty Heckler, Dale and Mary Jane Moyer

Flower Deliv. Kay and Frank Stone

Nursery The Slugg Family

Ushers Peggy and Bruce Schmidt,
Kay Stone, Kay Deussing

8 am readers

Narrator - Kitty Heckler

Jesus - Peggy Schmidt

Judas - Diane Ball

High Priest - Mickey Koffel

Centurion and Pilate - Bruce Schmidt

10:30 am readers

Narrator - Joyce Salter

Jesus - Frank Stone

Pilate - Matt Slugg -

Judas and Centurion - Sara Beaumont

High Priest - Micah Slugg

Grace-Full Questions for Palm/Passion Sunday:

In the scripture read today, Jesus embodies characteristics not often welcomed in today's world: humility, servanthood, and suffering. What do you think about these things and why do you think Jesus shows them?

Why do some crosses show Jesus on it and others do not? What do you think is the significance of each?

Outside of Jesus, which character in the Passion Story can you best relate to? Why?