



Parish News

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

June 2018

A Letter from Pastor

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Dear Members and Friends,

This newsletter comes to you just as summer begins. I hope you are able to enjoy a welcomed change of pace and the beauty of God's creation. Summertime is a little different at Grace as Stepping Stones slows down a bit, there is no Sunday School and Confirmation, and we are able to worship on Sunday together and serve with some different programming. I wanted to list for you some things that I think are important as we move through the summer, including dates to include on your summer calendar...

1. **Worship-** If you ask me, that is always the most important thing, as we gather around God's Word and Sacraments. From Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, we will have a single Sunday service at 9:15 am. These services will include Holy Communion and a Children's Activity on non-holiday weekends. It is always a good thing when our two services can be together. The earlier hour also allows folks to stay a little longer after service and enjoy each other's fellowship during coffee hour. I hope you will make it a priority to attend regularly through the summer and take some extra time for refreshment and conversation after worship. If you or someone you know would like to provide some special music during the anthem time of the service, please speak with Ken Delmar or myself.

2. **Giving-** Please try to remain current on your church offerings and please make up the Sundays you are away. Our expenses remain the same throughout the year as our ministry continues.

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3. Vacation- When you are on vacation, I encourage you to worship. Campgrounds, resort towns, and other areas offer various settings and styles of worship. I think it is always a good thing to see how another faith community worships. If there is a service bulletin, I would love you to share it and your experience with me.
4. ELCA Youth Gathering- From June 27-July 1, the ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Houston, Texas with well over 30,000 participants. This is the first youth gathering for Molly Beck Dean, who is the Gathering Director and previously served on our synod staff for many years. Although we do not have any members attending the Gathering this year, you will have opportunities to share in it through technology. We will share the specifics of how you can watch the group gatherings as we receive the information. Please pray for our ELCA youth and leaders that they may have a Spirit-driven experience in love and safety.
5. Bear Creek Camp- Our church camp has had a remarkable turnaround with a 70% increase over the last six years. Currently, we have six youth registered to attend Bear Creek this summer and the possibility of a few more. Grace is giving 1/3 scholarships to all our campers-- thank you!
6. Vacation Bible School- Our Hatfield Community Vacation Bible School will be held July 8-12 from 6-8:30 pm at Grace. Please talk this excellent program up with your children, grandchildren and neighborhood kids. Also please consider some way you might serve those who come to Vacation Bible School-- if you wish to serve, we can find something for you to do!
7. Five Picnics are scheduled for the summer, with the first one sponsored by the Church Council at Grace. Specifics can be found in the newsletter. Please bring a food item to share and come to these events for good food and fellowship!
8. Our Church's Publishing Company, Augsburg Fortress, is holding several music clinics this summer. I am planning on attending the one at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ardmore on August 2 and 3. There are some wonderful workshops offered and an inspiring evening worship service. If anyone else from Grace would like to attend, I would be happy to share transportation. This event is well done and it is free! See

https://www.augsburgfortress.org/info/music_events.jsp for more information.

9. There will be a Mitzvah Circle Foundation service night on Wednesday, August 16 from 6-8 pm at their facility in Harleysville. It is a night especially for youth to serve, but adults are welcome too! Members of our confirmation class families will be there and you are welcome to come too. Typical duties that evening include sorting clothing donations and packing orders for needy families. You feel you have done something very special when you are finished!

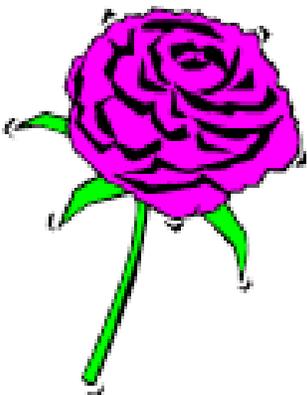
10. Our Annual Indian Valley Cluster service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, Kulpsville, on Sunday, August 19 at 10 am, with a pot luck lunch following. This is a wonderful opportunity for the six congregations of our cluster to worship and fellowship together! There will not be a worship service at Grace that day.

11. Finally, please remember our Synod Staff this summer during their time of transition. Bishop Claire Burkat will be retiring in July after 12 years of service as our Bishop. There will likely be other changes in our synod staff. Pastor Pat Davenport will begin her ministry as our bishop following Bishop Burkat's retirement. I also recently saw that Pastor Davenport's installation date is September 22- more details will be forthcoming.

Feel free to talk to me about any of these events. Enjoy your summer!

Together in Ministry,

+ Pastor David Lutcher



THANK YOU to everyone who purchased carnations for our Mother's Day Project. The 126 pink and white carnations looked so beautiful by the altar. The funds from this project help Nehemiah's Way provide much needed services to the victims of domestic violence. Thanks for your generosity!!

The Giving in Service Team

Hatfield Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary

As some of you may know, the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary donated kitchen items to Grace Lutheran Church . We used many of these items for our recent Mother's Day Dinner. What you may not know is, that over 90 years ago, the Women of Grace Lutheran Church donated pots and pans plus cooking utensils to the Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. This helped the Ladies to begin serving the community dinners to help to raise funds for the Fire Company.

We not only appreciate this generous donation from the Ladies Auxiliary to our Church, but we also appreciate the important service they provided to the Fire Company and the Hatfield Community.

A Big Thank you to all of the members from the past and present.

Bob Reilly, President of Church Council

Letter received from the Auxiliary below:

Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Grace Lutheran Church

Dear Grace Lutheran Church Council,

An era is ending in the Hatfield Community this year. The Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary is closing their doors of the kitchen after serving the Hatfield Community for 90 years.

When the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary began serving dinners and banquets to the community, they needed cooking items to open the kitchen at the fire house.

The women of Grace Lutheran Church donated pots and pans, and cooking utensils to the Auxiliary in order for the kitchen to begin serving the community. These ladies "Paid it Forward" supporting the efforts of the Hatfield Community.

Many of the Grace Church members were also fire fighters, Ladies Auxiliary members and General Members. One of Grace's pastors was a driver for the fire company.

Now as the Auxiliary is looking ahead to the future, they are finding homes for the many kitchen items that were gathered and purchased for serving the public.

The Executive Committee of the Ladies Auxiliary would like to make a donation back to Grace Lutheran Church since it was the Grace Ladies so many years ago who helped start the kitchen and in light of the fact, Grace lost so much with the fire 6 years ago. The Ladies Auxiliary is donating two carts, bowls and cooking utensils to help build the church's kitchen resources.

Sincerely,

Diane Miller, Executive Committee, Treasurer

Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Grace Family,

On behalf of my family, we want say "THANK YOU" for your loving care, support, prayers, visits, cards, flowers and I could go on forever.

A special thank you to Pastor Dave for his many visits to see Mom and bring her communion.

She loved her family at Grace and started to go downhill when she could no longer get to church each and every Sunday. I am so grateful to my sister, Pam, for getting Mom to church on Easter Sunday to say "Vaya Con Dios" – it meant the world to her. We also want to thank everyone who helped with her service – Pastor's eulogy was spot on, Ken's playing of her 5 favorite hymns and Kay Stone & ladies from Grace for a beautiful luncheon.

Peg Weaver will be missed – she was one of a kind and she loved you all. She is at peace with Dad and we were so blessed to have them both for 90 years.

God Bless,

Peg Malloy, Wendy Weaver, Pam Matolicz



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

John Fischer

Carol Buffone

Suzanne Colville

Paige Haldeman

Sue Deitch

Al Godshall

Jacob Bregler

Dorene Bobb

Joe Hopkins

B.J. Moyer-Kuhn

Bob Swillo

Marilyn Homan

Barbara Masser

The family of Jean Meibohm

The family of Peg Weaver

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

Stepping Stones Teachers, Ann and Heidi

Silvia Light

Joan Lattanze

Laura Cooper

Dawn Doll

Nancy Sellers

Joe McGlinchey

Ron and Karen Hudson

Beth Brown

The family of James Roney

Keira Drissel

Muriel Rosenfelt

Bob Kaler

Fred Wiesinger

The Family of Nancy Benner

The family of Jerry Kratz

Elijah Krout

Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick

Jennifer Kaler-Thomas

Wendy Amparano

Pam & Fred Matolicz

Laura Morcom

Rich Woltmann

Marianne Grubb

Thomas Hudson

Cassi Lambert

Kristopher Yoder

Layla Lapino

Jean Goetter

The family of Don Capanear, Sr.

The family of June Sarm

Summer Wednesday Evening Fellowship Gatherings

Join us for our first Summer Picnic on June 27th. We begin our time together with dinner and fellowship. Dinner is at **6:30 pm**. Bring your favorite **picnic dish** to share and a lawn chair or blanket. If you have a favorite **outdoor game** to share, bring it too. *Event is rain or shine!!*

This is a great time to catch up with Grace Friends during the summer when our schedules are busy with traveling and family activities.

Church Council members will host our first picnic at Grace on June 27th

July 18th Hosts: John and Bonnie Stangl at their home
3356 Morris Road, Lansdale *Bring your bathing suit and towel if you'd like to swim!!*

July 25th Hosts: Jim and Lori Pluda at their home
1613 Harvest Moon Lane, Hatfield

August 8th Hosts: Peggy and Bruce Schmidt at their home
155 Forest Way, Hatfield

August 22nd: Hosts: Barb Watts, Richard Badman, Betty Murray at the home of
Barb Watts 147 N. Main Street, Hatfield

PICNICS ARE RAIN OR SHINE!!



Dear Members of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church,

It was wonderful for you to deliver a warm, hot meal for us. The meal was very delicious!

We appreciate very much all the love, support and prayers of faithful people for God to supply continuing recovery and healing.

Thank You! Chris and Ann Miller

One Worship Service at 9:15 pm Bible Story and Craft Time for Children

During our **9:15 am** Summer Worship Services the children are invited to participate in the Bible Story and Craft Time. Children who participate will leave the sanctuary after the gospel reading and return for communion. The children may return to the Nursery or Fellowship Hall after communion until the end of the service. At the conclusion of worship, please meet your children in the Nursery or Fellowship Hall.

Bible Story and Craft will continue through Sunday, August 26th

Note: No Bible Story and Craft on Sunday, July 1st, August 19th, and September 2nd



Stepping Stones Update

What beautiful weather we are blessed with this spring. The children are enjoying being outside and playing on the playground and riding the bikes.

A Thank you to Laura Kratz and Jean Delmuto for coming and volunteering for us during our fire safety training.

We have some ways you can help Stepping Stones. We are asking for donations of the following items: Alphabet Letters, shapes, and numbers, these can be plastic, wooden, or magnetic and they do not have to be a complete set, individual letters are fine. Some other much needed items are towels, paintbrushes (all sizes for indoor or outdoor use). Other items include strainers, clean ketchup bottles, funnels, laundry bottle caps, Plastic Icing containers, you may place these items on our desk in the entrance or in our bin marked stepping stones in the church vestibule. Thanking you in advance for remembering us.

Glenda Wismer, Director
Stepping Stones Nursery School and Day Care

June	3	10	17	24
Communion Assist	Richard Badman	Frank Stone	Kathy Stawasz	Bob Reilly
Lector	Bob Kaler Family	Andrea Roney	Jean Shaffer	Beth Krout
Acolyte	Seth Hercolini	Leela Morcom	Lacey Haldeman	Al Lund
Ushers	Bob Kaler Family	Don Capanear & Al Lund	Kay Stone & Kay Deussing	Rich Woltmann & Harold Schaefer
Greeters	Dale & Mary Jane Moyer	Lori Pluda	Barb Watts	Barb Watts
Flower Delivery	Harold Schaefer	Carol MacDonald	Kay Stone	Betty Murray
Children's Story/ Craft	Robin Lutcher	Kathy Stawasz & Kay Stone	TBA	TBA

Altar Guild: Emily and Rich Woltmann
Council Duties: Carol MacDonald

Books for Babies- 2018

This year's collection of books was outstanding. Last year we collected 242, and this year you surpassed this number by donating 466 books. This is such a wonderful ministry to families in need. Thank you all so much for your donations. Giving families the gift of literacy can open many doors for their futures. God Bless you all.



The **Summer Worship Schedule** is one communion service at 9:15 am that includes a children's Bible Story with craft time. Calvary Korean Church will use the sanctuary each Sunday starting at 12:30 pm.

Sun Jun 3, 2018	Summer Worship Schedule
Mon Jun 4, 2018	Patti Returns to the Office
Tue Jun 5, 2018	6:30 pm Last Confirmation Class
	7pm Stitches
Wed Jun 6, 2018	11am WELCA picnic @ Salters - bring a covered dish

Sun Jun 10, 2018	Summer Worship Schedule
Mon Jun 11, 2018	7:15pm Stewardship
Tue Jun 12, 2018	7:30pm Worship and Music

Sun Jun 17, 2018	Summer Schedule - Father's Day
	Newsletter Jul/Aug Info Due
Tue Jun 19, 2018	7pm Church Council

Sun Jun 24, 2018	Summer Worship Schedule
Tue Jun 26, 2018	10am Newsletter mailed
Wed Jun 27, 2018	6:30pm Fellowship picnic at Grace

See you on Sept. 9th for Rally Day and two services

New SEPA Bishop

The SEPA Synod elected Patricia Davenport as the ELCA's first female African-decent synod bishop on May 5. She will replace current Bishop Claire Burkat who is retiring on July 31 after serving two 6 year terms. Davenport currently serves as director for evangelical mission and assistant to the bishop for the synod. For more information pick up a copy of the May *Living Lutheran* or visit: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2018/05/bishop-elects-reflect-on-historic-votes/>

Photo Policy

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.

What Are you Doing this Summer?

What would we do without calendars? Our ancestors may have made scratches on walls. Calendars are great reminders if we discipline ourselves in implementing them in our work and social lives.

Our Lutheran Church Calendar highlights our Holy Days and religious periods and seasons. It listed Mother's Day for the 13th, Pentecost for the 20th, and Memorial Day for the 28th. June shows Father's Day as being the 17th. If you live in Canada you will want to know that the 24th is Saint John-Baptiste Day.

For July, the 4th is Independence Day. There is also another Calendar for July. It is a sign up sheet in the choir room for musicians offering their talents as instrumentalists, or vocalist. This can be done as a solo, duet, trio, quartet, etc. on any Sunday that might be still open. Hope you'll consider helping.

Ken Delmar
Minister of Music

SUMMER SNACKS FOR STEPPING STONES:

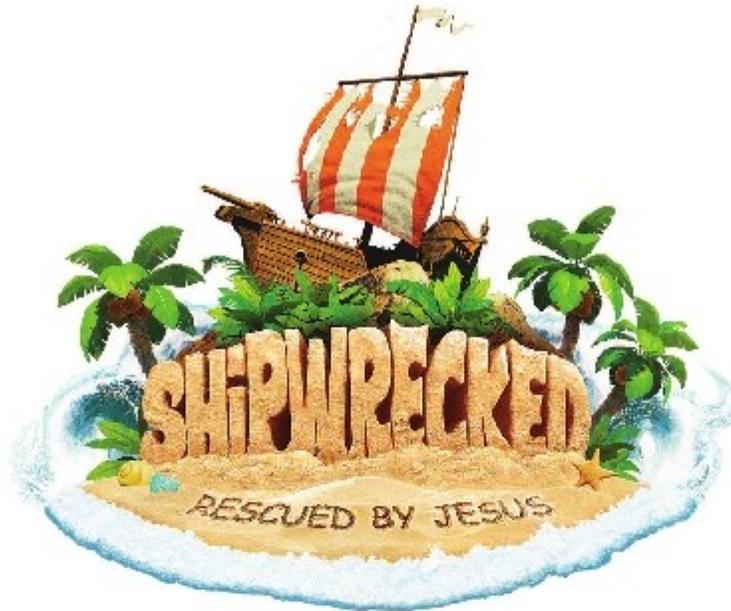
We are collecting snack foods again this summer to support this Stepping Stones Snacks. Please bring in any items on the following list to help our children. Large- package quantities will be divided into individual bags for the children by their teachers. Look for the collection basket in the Narthex for your donations.

The snacks needed by Stepping Stones are:

- Teddy Grams
- Goldfish
- Cheezits
- Graham Crackers- squares
- Individual Cracker Packages
- Cookies

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please ask Joyce Salter or MC Reilly

Come sail away...



The best week of the summer!

- New friends
- Amazing experiments
- Creative games
- Tropical treats
- Surprising adventures
- Incredible music

Location: GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, HATFIELD
(church name)

VBS will last from: JULY 8th - JULY 12th
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 6:00pm (dinner included)
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: 8:30pm
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: 215-855-4676
(church phone number)



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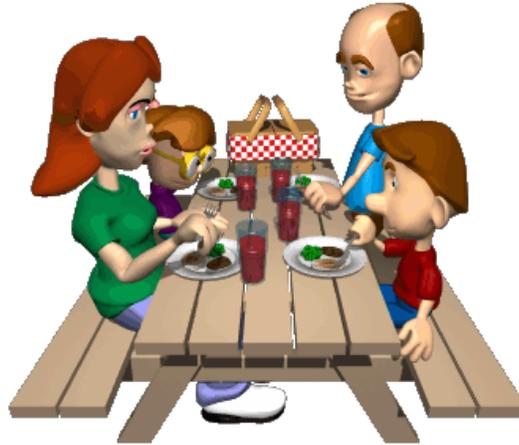
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Father's Day

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Summer Fellowship Begins



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