



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

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, December 2, 2018 – Advent 1**

### **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.*

**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 this week have been sponsored by:** Barbara Watts In Honor of Jean Geotter for many years doing the Parish News from the Ladies.

### **The Eternal Light Candle:**

**Confirmation Class Schedule for Grades 6 and over:** Dec. 2 and 16, Jan. 13 and 20, all at 6:30 pm

**Advent Devotional Stars** are available in the narthex for your Christmas devotion preparation. They are a gift from our United Lutheran Seminary.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who so generously gave or supported our INreach projects over the month or so! With the help of volunteer soup makers and delicious recipes, the Soup-a-Thon on 10/28 raised a total of \$300 for the Generator Fund (to help warm Grace members and the community of Hatfield during an electrical outage) and left us extra quarts of soup that have been frozen and will be distributed to our shut-ins over the holidays. We also created 11 military care packages with a wide assortment of thoughtfully donated items and notes, including money for postage! Along with lots of supplies that were donated for artistic expression, we had a wonderful month of finding ways to be thankful for all God has given us and the amazing people he places in our lives! Again, the INreach team is so very thankful for your generosity, time, and commitment to reaching out to those around you.

**2019 Budget Meeting:** There will be a congregational meeting **today** following the 10:30 am service, for the sole purpose of approving the budget as recommended by Church Council.

**Poinsettia Orders:** Poinsettias will be available for decoration of our chancel. Order forms can be found in the Narthex. The deadline to order the poinsettias is Sunday, **December 9, 2018**. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Stawasz.

**Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project:** Time to shop for our families! The display for our Adopt-A-Family Project is in the narthex. Please take a few minutes to check out the display. You may participate in several different ways in our collection of items for our three families from the Hatfield area. You can choose a gift or gift card to purchase for our families. A wish list of items for each family is available for your choosing. We are also collecting items for the Angel Boxes. These items are everyday supplies needed by our families. A shopping list is provided for you and can be found by the Angel Gifts display Please return your gift(s) with receipts by **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

If you would like the Confirmation class to do your shopping, please give your donation to Pastor Lutcher by **today**. What a wonderful way to share the Christmas Spirit by giving to one of our families. The *Giving in Service Team* appreciates your generosity!

**“Sweets for Sharing” Returns!** Baking this holiday season? Can you bake an extra dozen for someone that can use something sweet to brighten up their holiday? Drop your cookies or candies off in the kitchen or at 155 Forrest Way, Hatfield by **December 5<sup>th</sup>** by 6:30 pm. Then join the InReach Team in packing them up at 7 pm. It is lots of fun! For more information contact Peggy Schmidt.

**December Bible Studies** will be held at 11 am on Thursday, **December 6** and Wednesday, **December 19**. All are welcome as we study one of the Scripture lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

**Christmas Caroling-Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a pizza lunch after the 10:30 service, followed by traveling to some of our shut-ins to sing and share joy with them. If you come, you will get more than you put into the day! We will be finished by 3 pm.

**Stepping Stones Christmas Program** will be held on Wednesday morning, **December 12** at 10:15 am. You are invited to share in the celebration and joy of our children as they share the holidays with us.

**Jesus Birthday Party December 15** 10 Am-12 noon for children of all ages. Come hear the Christmas message, make crafts, have Birthday cake and sing songs. This is a great (grand)-parent child event to share. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please use the sign-up sheet to help us prepare better. Any questions contact Lori Pluda

**YOGA (Hatha) CLASS Back by Popular Demand at Grace.** Class runs each week through December 5 from 6:30-7:30 pm. - All-levels. Yoga will begin again on January 2, and run through March 27, 2019.

**ATTENTION All Serving Volunteers:** Thank you for serving in 2018. It is that time of year when we put together the 2019 serving schedule. If we do not hear from you we will keep you on the schedule. We are also looking for NEW volunteers. Please feel free to talk to anyone in charge of a serving area to find out more about the duties. Thanks!

**8/10:30 Serving Contacts:**

Altar Guild- Emily Woltmann  
 Com. Assistant- Carol MacDonald  
 Lectors- Karen Seiler  
 Acolytes- Kathy Stawasz  
 Ushers- Kay Stone  
 Greeters-Tami Sarm  
 Coffee Hour- Lori Pluda

**10:30 Serving Schedule Contacts**

Nursery- Kathy Stawasz  
 Flower Delivery- Kathy Stawasz  
 Paraments- Emily Woltmann

**Attendance-**11/21/2018 Thanksgiving Eve 50

11/25/2018 8 am – 24, 10:30 – 32

**General Fund** \$3,386, Capital Fund - \$1,355

**Serving Volunteers**

**Acolyte** 8 am Al Lund  
 10:30 am Bob Kaler Family  
**Altar Guild** 8 am Wendy Walter  
 10:30 am Kay Stone & Tami Sarm  
**Comm. Assistant** 8 am David Kunkel  
 10:30 am Micah Slugg  
**Council Sender & Offering counter** 8 am Joanne Moyer  
 10:30 am Jaime Snyder  
**Lector** 8 am Bruce and Peggy Schmidt  
 10:30 am Carol MacDonald  
**Ushers** 8 am- Al Lund & Bob Smyrl  
 10:30 John and Bonnie Stangl  
**Greeter** 8 am Peggy Schmidt  
 10:30 am Mary Jane Moyer  
**Nursery (only at 10:30)** Kay Stone & Kathy Stawasz  
**Flower Delivery** Harold Schaefer

**In Our Prayers**

*John Fischer* *Bob Kaler*  
*Marilyn Homan* *Wendy Amparano*  
*Joan Lattanze* *Tina Blain*  
*Suzanne Colville* *Pam and Fred Matolicz*  
*Paige Haldeman* *Al Godshall*  
*Nancy Sellers* *Laura Cooper*  
*Bob Swillo* *Elijah Krout*  
*Sue Deitch* *Marianne Grubb*  
*B.J. Moyer-Kuhn* *Beth Brown*  
*Joe McGlinchey* *Joe Hopkins*  
*Muriel Rosenfelt* *Dawn Doll*  
*Silvia Light* *Kristopher Yoder*  
*Dorene Bobb* *Layla Lapino*  
*Keira Drissel* *Cassi Lambert*  
*Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick*  
*Rich Woltmann* *Maryann Kratz*  
*Bill Forst* *Mandie and Emmett*  
*Tina Blain* *Jennifer Kaler-Thomas*  
*Margaret Stangl* *John Cisler*  
*John Stangl* *Annette Beyer*  
*Dale Moyer* *Richard Badman*  
*Ralph and Carol Buffone*  
*Cindy Kunkel* *Ron and Karen Hudson*

*Joyce Salter* *The Family of Michael Renner*  
*The Family of Jacob Bregler, Tami Sarm's father*  
*The Family of Rev. Paul Bittner*  
*The Family of Bob Lutcher, Pastor Lutcher's father*  
*The Family of William J. Schmidt, nephew of the Roney family*

**This Week at Grace**

Sun.	December 2 – Advent 1
8 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship/Communion Budget Meeting after Worship
12:30 pm.	Central Philadelphia Korean Church
6:30 pm	Confirmation – M/R
Mon.	December 3
7:30 pm	L/P – F/H
Tues.	December 4
7:00 pm	Stitchers
Wed.	December 5
10:00 am	WELCA- M/R
6:15 pm	Yoga – F/H
Thurs.	December 6
11:00 am	Bible Study – M/R
7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	December 9 – Advent 2
8:00 am	Worship/Communion
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship/Communion
12:30 pm	Central Philadelphia Korean Church

**Grace-Full Questions for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

1. What are your hopes for this Advent Season? Have you prayed about them?
2. Jesus says that when you have fear, know that God's saving work is near. Think of a time that God helped you and give thanks.
3. How can you prepare yourself this Advent against the craziness, consumerism, and hectic pace of the world?

**Key verse:**

“At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10-11

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