



Parish News

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

April 2019

A Letter from the Pastor

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make...

Sylvia G. Dunstan, ELW #336



Dear Friends in Faith,

We sang these words together on a recent Sunday, early in our Lenten journey this year, early in the days of trying to carve out space and time to shape these 40 days into something different than the ordinary pattern the days our lives usually take. I hope you have felt some deeper connection to God whether through prayer, in worship or by making special offerings for those who are hungry.

In just a couple of weeks, we enter Holy Week together. You'll find details about Grace's offerings on page 4. I give you two invitations as we enter this holy time – to join with us as a Church as we journey with Jesus from triumph to despair then to the glory of the resurrection; and to think of someone you know who you think might enjoy some aspect of that week whom *you* could invite – whether a child for the Egg Hunt, or a neighbor or co-worker or friend for one of the special services of the week or for Easter Day itself.

When people are asked, many say they might come to a church, but often find it hard to go themselves when they don't know someone already there. I hear that as an opportunity for each of us!

May you know the presence of Christ with you in this holy season.

Yours in Christ,

Interim Pastor Janet S. Peterman

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Council Corner

In our ongoing efforts to improve communication between Church Council and our members, we will be writing a short blurb in each Grace Notes to highlight some of the activities that have taken place at our monthly meeting. Council minutes are available in the Member Section of our website and now will be posted on a bulletin board in the Narthex.

In February, Council brainstormed with Pastor Peterman on possible candidates for the important Transition Leadership Team. A wide cross section of candidates were discussed in order to achieve a diverse group of individuals that will work to develop a plan for our future. The entire congregation will have the opportunity to participate in this process as we move forward.

A newly formed Property Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss maintenance and property issues. If you are interested in working with Council on this committee, please contact Bob Reilly.

Council received an update on the installation of the new AED (automated external defibrillator) system and discussed future trainings for ushers, greeters and other interested individuals. The AED, which is installed by the coat rack, has step by step instructions in the event this type of emergency arises.

An approval was granted to Grafton Electronic Design, LLC to begin installation of a sound system that will assist individual members of the congregation to better hear the service. Sermons will also be recorded so they can be shared with shut-ins or with individuals that have missed that service.

After each service there is a Council member that stands next to Pastor wishing you a great day. They are also there if you have any questions or comments. An added bonus is you get to know who your Council members are.

Finally there are many volunteer opportunities available at Grace. Do you have some time to help? These opportunities will be also be posted in the Narthex.

Remember – “Many hands make light work.” Peggy Schmidt, President



EASTER LILIES
2019



Orders for Easter Lilies are now being taken. The flowers will be used for the Easter Services. The DEADLINE for ordering is Sunday, 4/7/19.

You may pick up your plant after the 10:30 am Easter Sunday Service. The plants will be tagged with your name and in memory or in honor of information. Regrettably, we are not able to deliver the Lilies to friends or shut-ins.

Please place your order form along with your check in the basket marked for Easter Flowers in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Stawasz 215-760-6297. Thank you.

	Quantity	Total Cost
Lilies - \$9.50/7" pot, 4-5 blooms	_____	\$_____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Check here if you will NOT be taking your Lilly home with you.

Ordered by: _____

Phone No. _____

Make checks payable to: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church





Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 13th

2 p.m.

All children age toddler through 5th grade

Rain or shine



Palm Sunday, April 14th

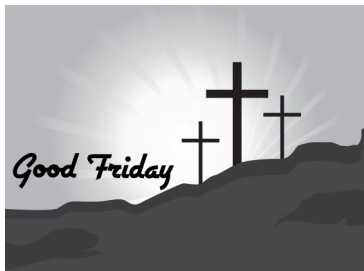
8 am and 10:30 am communion services

9:15 am SCS



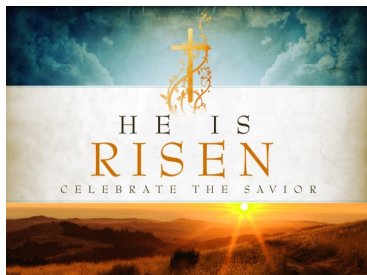
Maundy Thursday, April 18th

Noon and 7:30 pm – Service includes stripping the altar at the end of the service



Good Friday Tenebrae , April 19th

Noon and 7:30 pm



EASTER Sunday, April 21st

8 am and 10:30 am communion services

NO SCS

Mother's Day Dinner

After a wonderful event last year, our Mother's Day Dinner is back on Thursday May 9th. The dinner, prepared and served by the men of Grace, will include a fresh garden salad starter, spaghetti with meat or sausage sauce, French bread and a brownie dessert with ice cream. Gluten free spaghetti will be available. Beverages offered will be lemonade, water and coffee. The price of the ticket is \$10 with scholarships available. Proceeds from the dinner, which begins at 6 pm, will be used toward the generator fund. For ticket information or questions contact Bruce Schmidt.

Community Lenten Service Schedule

March 27 – Pastor Glenn Lambert @ St. Maria Goretti
Do Not Worry; Matthew 6:25-34

April 3 – Deacon @ Heidelberg UCC
Judge Not; Matthew 7:1-5

April 10 – Pastor Clay Moyer @ Grace Lutheran Church
Build on Rock; Matthew 7:24-27



Holy Week Servers

	Communion Assistant	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Greeters
Maundy Thurs Noon	Lori Pluda	Kitty Heckler	Lori Pluda	Kitty Heckler & Lori Pluda	Kitty Heckler
Maundy Thurs 7:30pm	Frank Stone	Betty Murray	Frank & Kay Stone	R Woltmann & Harold Schaefer	Kay Stone
Good Fri Noon	N/A	Kitty Heckler	Lori Pluda	Kitty Heckler & Lori Pluda	Kitty Heckler
Good Fri-day 7:30pm	N/A	Frank Stone	Dave Kunkel	Kay Stone & Kay Deussing	Tami Sarm

Altar Guild

Maundy Thursday at Noon: Lori Pluda

Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm: Kay Stone, Nancy Sellers, Mary Jane Moyer, Emily & Rich Woltmann

Good Friday: N/A



2019 Hatfield Community VBS

July 14th – July 18th

5:45pm – 8:30pm, dinner included each night

Hosted by: Heidelberg UCC
1101 Cowpath Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440
(215) 368-0442

4yrs – 8th grade, adults also welcome to Bible Study.

Online registration info coming soon!

Check here for more information as it become available or “like” us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranHatfield> to stay in the loop!

Questions? Leave a message at the church office for Laura Slugg. 215-855-4676

BOOKS FOR BABIES

For the third year the H3C, Hatfield Community Christian Coalition, is sponsoring a Book Drive, BOOKS FOR BABIES, from April 7th through Mother's Day, May 12th. All of the books collected will be delivered to Mitzvah Circle Foundation after Mother's Day. We are collecting new and gently used books for all ages of children and especially cardboard books for babies.

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, wipes and books for babies.

Mitzvah Circle Foundation sends a children's hard-backed cardboard book four times a year to the youngest children. They have discovered there is only one book for every 300 homes who are 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.

Mitzvah Circle Foundation need books for this very important mission and as well as books for all children and families in need that they serve.

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

Lutheran Night at the Phillies 2019

Friday, June 7, at 7:05 pm
Phillies vs. Cincinnati Reds

Our late, beloved former Synod treasurer, Dick Reimet, started Lutheran Night at the Phillies decades ago, one of the – if not the – first such partnership between a religious organization and professional baseball.

In Dick's memory, we're dedicating this year's event in thanksgiving for his long-time stewardship of this ministry and support of our Synod's youth programs.

Start planning now to buy tickets online at <https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/lutheran>

For groups of 25 or more, please contact Jen Leone in the Group Sales Office at 215-463-5000, ext. 5112. All groups of 25 or more will be welcomed on the Phillies side auxiliary message boards at the top of the 5th inning.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Grace on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. All children age toddler through 5th grade are invited. Areas will be designated for children to hunt by age groups.

The program will include story time, egg hunt, crafts, and refreshments.

Rain or shine!



Three ways you can help:

1. CANDY DONATION

Please donate Easter candy that is small enough to fit inside a plastic egg and that is individually wrapped. A basket is in the narthex for the candy.

2. FILLING THE PLASTIC EGGS

The plastic eggs will be filled with candy on Sunday, April 7, between services in the meeting room. Please join us for this project.

3. FUN AT THE HUNT

We are looking for persons who would like to help with hiding eggs, leading a craft, and serving refreshments. If you are interested, please speak to Joyce Salter or Tami Sarm of the Christian Connections Committee.

Stepping Stones Update:

On March 7, 2019, our Stepping Stones Director Glenda Wismer retired. She is looking forward to spending time with her family and grandchild who is arriving in May. We are so thankful for her many years of dedication and service to our Stepping Stones Program. We welcome Mrs. Jessica Moran as our interim director.

Please see enclosed a copy of the Lutheran Community at Telford Update. If you have any questions Frank Stone, Sr is the Grace representative with their organization.

On **Sunday, April 28, 2019**, Advent Lutheran Church is sponsoring a trip **leaving at 1:15 pm to The Welcome Church**, “a church without walls”. The Welcome Church is an ELCA congregation whose members are people who are experiencing homelessness. They will hold their monthly worship service in front of the Philadelphia Library (Logan Square) at 3 pm. The Indian Valley Cluster (Advent Lutheran, St. Paul’s, Little Zion, Grace, Emmanuel, And Christ Lutheran) will provide coffee and cookies for the fellowship time after the service.

Please feel free to bring a bagged lunch and join the cluster churches by **meeting at Advent Lutheran at 12 noon**. After lunch, donations will be packaged and coffee brewed before leaving the church at 1:15 pm.

Not able to attend and would like to help? **Donations of cookies** (store bought or homemade) **and new twin size blankets** will be collected in a bin in the narthex until April 28th.

SEPA Assembly 2019: Building Beloved Community

The 2019 Synod Assembly will meet Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, under the theme *Building Beloved Community*. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Nicole D. Diroff, associate director of Interfaith Philadelphia. The Rev. Wyvetta Bullock, Assistant to the Presiding Bishop/Executive for Administration, will represent the ELCA.

New this year! Saturday worship The festival worship service of Holy Communion has been moved to Saturday at 9 am, in order to allow greater participation.

New this year! Mass choir The worship team is planning for a mass choir for the Saturday festival worship. Individuals and/or choirs are invited to take part in this celebration.

Flea Market: Cleaning out your closet, attic or basement? Remember someone’s trash is another person’s treasure. Come and sell those treasures at Grace’s second Spring Fling Flea Market. It will be held on May 18th from 8 am to 12 noon. Space is \$10. Coffee and food will be served throughout the day. In the event of rain, the Market will be held indoors. To make your reservation, talk to one of the InReach Team members.

“Sharing the Love”

Thank you all for your donations of new and gently used clothing for children. The Mitzvah Circle Foundation representatives were greatly surprised and overwhelmed by all of your generosity. Together, the churches in Hatfield collected 5 large bags of clothing.

This project was a special way to celebrate the month of February by “Sharing the Love” with families in need.

H3C

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

<i>John Fischer</i>	<i>Silvia Light</i>	<i>Elijah Krout</i>
<i>Ralph and Carol Buffone</i>	<i>Joan Lattanze</i>	<i>Joan Amundsen</i>
<i>Suzanne Colville</i>	<i>Laura Cooper</i>	<i>Jennifer Kaler-Thomas</i>
<i>Paige Haldeman</i>	<i>Bob Kaler</i>	<i>Wendy Amparano</i>
<i>Sue Deitch</i>	<i>Nancy Sellers</i>	<i>Pam & Fred Matolicz</i>
<i>Al Godshall</i>	<i>Tina Blain (friend of MacDonalds)</i>	
<i>Cindy Kunkel</i>	<i>Ron and Karen Hudson</i>	<i>Chip Wood</i>
<i>Dorene Bobb</i>	<i>Beth Brown</i>	<i>Bob Darde</i>
<i>Joe Hopkins</i>	<i>Liz Bauer</i>	<i>John Cisler</i>
<i>Keira Drissel</i>	<i>Cassi Lambert</i>	<i>Bob Swillo</i>
<i>Muriel Rosenfelt</i>	<i>Kristopher Yoder</i>	<i>Mandie and Emmett</i>
<i>Marilyn Homan</i>	<i>Hal Williams (Carol MacDonald's Dad)</i>	
<i>Richard Badman</i>	<i>Xavier Jackson</i>	<i>Margaret Stangl</i>
<i>Helen Godshall</i>	<i>Shannon Ryan</i>	
<i>Annette Beyer</i>	<i>Dale Moyer</i>	<i>Layla Lapino</i>
<i>Andy Armstrong (Friend of MacDonalds)</i>		
<i>The Family and Friends of Pastor Robert Doll (spouse Dawn passed away)</i>		

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 the Pastor or a Church Council member know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.

Yes, I know I spelled something wrong!!!!!!

What does the **Kitchen and Koffee Hour** have in common??? We would like to get “too many cooks in the kitchen” and “someones in the kitchen with Dinah” (who’s she?)—we are looking for a “Few Good Men” or “Betty Crocker’s long lost cousin”—**to step up and help out with coffee hour**—there is a sign up sheet outside the kitchen, you can volunteer to do one or two or a bakers dozen of Sundays, your choice. Helpful Hints instruction sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall, or talk to Lori Pluda or Kay Stone—they can acclimate you to the kitchen and ease your hesitancy about volunteering—we are very casual and most church members are not too demanding about how things are provided. Don’t think too long about signing up, or the “round up the usual suspects” may just over-ride your secret talent!! Now is YOUR time, the handwriting is on the wall!!!!!!

The Rice Bowl Project Continues through Palm Sunday, April 14th



During each Sunday in Lent a special offering is observed for the Rice Bowl. These gifts provide food for many in our neighborhood as well as around the world. **In your offering envelope box, special envelopes are provided for each of the six Sundays in Lent.**

Our gifts will be shared with three organizations. The first is the **Hatfield Food Cupboard** at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church which provides food to those in need in the Hatfield area. The second organization is **Manna on Main Street** in Lansdale which provides food and hot meals for those in the Lansdale area. Finally, we will share a portion of our gifts with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **World Hunger Project**.

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* encourages you to share part of your grocery budget by serving one simple meal a week and give that savings to the **Rice Bowl**.

April Serving Schedule

Apr	7	14	21	28
Communion Assist - 8am	Anna Walter	Joanne Moyer	TBD	David Kunkel
Lector - 8am	Peggy Schmidt	Kitty Heckler	Mickey Koffel	Dave Kunkel
Acolyte - 8am	Anna Walter	David Kunkel	Walter Family	Ken Seiler
Ushers- 8am	Walter Family	David Kunkel	Peggy & Bruce Schmidt	Ken Seiler & Bob Smyrl
Greeters -8am	Diane Ball	June Detweiler	Dan & Wendy Walter	Dan & Wendy Walter
Altar Guild	Janice Swartz	June Detweiler & Nancy Sellers	Emily Woltmann	June Detweiler & Nance Sellers
Communion Assist - 10:30	Joyce Salter	Carol MacDonald	Sara Beaumont	Dan Sarm
Lector -10:30	Dan Sarm	Joyce Salter	Bob Kaler	Joyce Salter
Acolyte-10:30	Paige Haldeman	Olivia & Kay Stone	Wyeth Slugg & Seth Herculini	Paige & Lacy Haldeman
Ushers-10:30	Carol & Paul MacDonald	Kay Stone & Kay Deussing	Jeff Krout & Matt Slugg	Carol & Paul MacDonald
Greeters - 10:30	Kay Deussing & Barb Watts	Kay Deussing & Barb Watts	Tami & Dan Sarm	Carol & Paul MacDonald
Flower Delivery	Jeff & Beth Krout	Betty Murray	Dee Mancuso	Carol MacDonald
Nursery - 10:30	Jeff & Beth Krout	Slugg Family	N/A	Tracey Frick & Tara Clegg
Altar Guild	Kay Stone & Tami Sarm	Kay Stone & Tami Sarm	Kay Stone & Tami Sarm	Kay Stone & Tami Sarm

Council Duties: Bob Smyrl, Jaime Snyder

The **Regular Worship Schedule** is an 8am communion service and a 10:30am service. Sunday School is at 9:15am unless otherwise noted. Calvary Korean Church will use the sanctuary each Sunday starting at 12:30 pm.

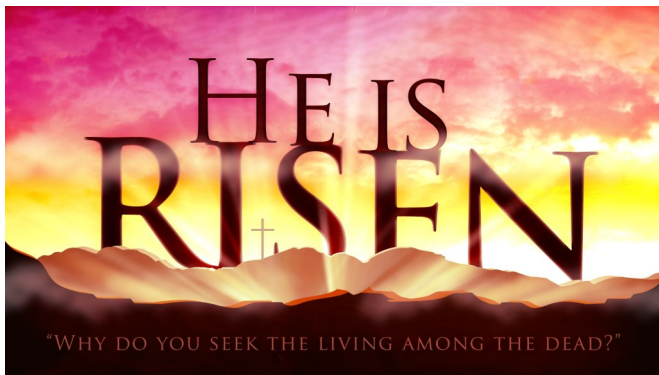
Tue Apr 2, 2019 7:00pm Stitches
 Wed Apr 3, 2019 10:00am WELCA
 7:30pm Lenten Service @ Heidelberg UCC

Sun Apr 7, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule
 Mon Apr 8, 2019 7:30pm Christian Connections
 Tue Apr 9, 2019 7:15pm Worship & Music
 7:15pm Tentative Communication Team Mtg
 Wed Apr 10, 2019 7:30pm Lenten Service at Grace Lutheran
 Sat Apr 13, 2019 Scout Pack 510 Clean-up Day
 2:00pm Easter Egg Hunt

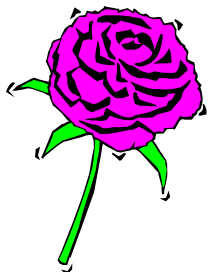
Sun Apr 14, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule - Palm Sunday
 Tue Apr 16, 2019 7:00pm Church Council
 Thu Apr 18, 2019 noon Maundy Thursday Service
 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service
 Fri Apr 19, 2019 noon Good Friday Tenebrae Service
 7:30pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sun Apr 21, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule - Easter/newsletter items due

Sun Apr 28, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule
 Tue Apr 30, 2019 10am Newsletter mailed



WELCA will meet on April 3 at 10am. Bring an Easter Card to send to the shut-ins and join us for a Dutch Treat Lunch. All Women are invited to join us.



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th

Honoring and remembering our Mothers is a Grace Church Tradition. Pink Carnations honor our mothers and White Carnations remember our mothers who are no longer with us. The funds from the sale of the carnations are used to support **Nehemiah's Way**, a local women's shelter for those who are victims of domestic violence. Nehemiah's Way has joined Laurel House, a Montgomery County organization that works to end domestic violence and provide shelter and education for the victims of domestic violence. Our gifts to Nehemiah's Way will help the women and their families in our area. See the display by the bulletin board in the narthex for forms to fill out. **Orders are due by Sunday, May 5th.**

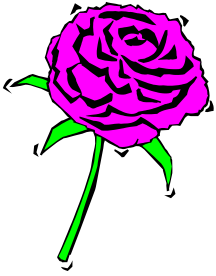
An order form is included in this newsletter. Please put your order in an envelope marked Mother's Day Carnations. Place in the offering plate or the basket in the narthex.

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 4, 2019 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 **Grace Website Members Only Page password** will be changing in the next few weeks. If you can no longer get access to the serving schedule or team minutes, call the church office during business hours to obtain the new password.

Carnation Order Form



Mother's Day Carnations
Single Stem Carnations
\$2.50 each
Orders due Sunday, May 5th

Please place orders in the offering plate or the basket in the narthex

YOUR NAME _____

White Carnations

(in memory of): Number ordered _____ x \$2.50 = _____

Pink Carnations

(in honor of): Number ordered _____ x \$2.50 = _____

TOTAL= \$_____

__cash __check

Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church – memo carnations

Flowers may be taken home after either service on May 12th

PLEASE FILL IN:

In **memory** of: _____

FROM: _____

In **honor** of: _____

FROM: _____

Proceeds benefit the women and children of Nehemiah's Way



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April 2019

- Apr 13 Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 14 Palm Sunday
- Apr 18 Maundy Thursday
- Apr 19 Good Friday
- Apr 21 Happy Easter - He is Risen

Holy Week



See More Important Details Inside

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