

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

Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 24, 2019 - Lent 3

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.

Busy Bags for young children are available hanging on the tall wooden rack in the Narthex by the Pastor's office door. Please feel free to pick one up so your small children can enjoy quiet play during the worship service.

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 Peterman, or a church council member, know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.

Name Tags- There is a box with name tag holders and blank name tags with sharpies on the table in the narthex. So that Pastor Peterman has an opportunity to learn the names of the Grace Family, could you please fill out a name tag to wear over the next several weeks?

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 are sponsored by Kathy Stawasz and family In Honor of her Dad's 82nd Birthday and Emily & Rich Woltmann In Memory of Jean Meibohm.

The new **Word in Season** devotionals are in the basket under the bulletin board in the narthex.

The Transition Leadership Team (TLT) is being created by Council for the interim time to help lead the transition study that will create the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) required by the bishop's office to enter the call process for Grace's new pastor. Pastor Peterman will chair the effort.

Together Pastor and TLT will host a series of congregational gatherings (3-5) to reflect on Grace's heritage as a congregation, who the congregation is uniquely now, what special ministry Grace is called to in this next phase of its life, and what kind of pastor would best serve to lead the congregation into that future.

Attendance at meetings will be important, but the team will decide together when to meet. The time commitment in the 1st year is an important consideration -- twice a month until the MSP is concluded. (Our goal will be to submit the MSP by one year from Pastor Peterman's arrival on 2/18.)

The experience will be crucial for Grace because this group, with the Council, and with the whole congregation at the all-congregational gatherings, will set the direction of Grace moving forward. It is challenging but exciting

work! For any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask Pastor Peterman.

Wednesday Community Lenten <u>Services</u>

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**

**Grace is looking for volunteers to contribute refreshments for this service. Speak to Kay Stone

Rice Bowl Project will continue through April 14th! During the Lenten Season you have the opportunity to help others through our Rice Bowl project. 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

Bear Creek Camp Campfires & Cocktails Gala Auction. March 30, 2019. Homewood Suites, Center Valley. Tickets \$100 and include cocktails, dinner and fun! Black Tie optional. (See BCC website for ticketing info). If you cannot attend but want to contribute to this fundraising event, please make a donation to the Grace Lutheran Literature Raffle Basket. Stop by a bookstore and pick up your favorite novel or something from the best sellers list. Pick up a Gift card that winners can use to buy the book of their choice. Book marks, book covers, and book lights can also make a great addition to our basket. Or, give Laura Slugg your monetary donation and she will shop for you. Donations can be placed in the basket in the narthex.

Community Easter Egg Hunt is coming April 13 at 2:00 pm. We will need candy to fill hundreds of plastic eggs. Please donate candy. We will need small pieces, individually wrapped. A basket for the donations will be in the narthex for your donations. The eggs will be filled on Sunday, April 7, in the meeting room, between services. We invite anyone who is interested in helping to join us.

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.

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 the Mainland Golf

Course. Create your own foursome or sign up and we'll put you with a team. The cost is \$75/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. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. All checks should be made out to Heidelberg UCC, and can be given to Jeff or put in his church mailbox. For more information contact Jeff Krout. Thank you!

YOGA (Hatha) CLASS - All-levels. Yoga will be held again on Wednesdays through March 27, 2019, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per class. Questions contact Kathy Stawasz.

Attendance 3/17/2019 - 8:00 am - 21, 10:30 - 43 General Fund - \$2,343 Capital Fund - \$695

Help Needed: The Altar Guild is in need of additional members. We especially need help at the 8:00 service. The 10:30 service could also use more help. Duties involve setting up and clearing the communion table. Friendly instruction will be provided. Please contact Emily Woltmann if you are able to help, even for just a couple of Sundays throughout the year. Thank you.

Who Are These People?

After each service, there is a member of Council standing next to Pastor. They are there to wish you a wonderful week plus hear any of your questions or concerns. If you have any questions during this time of transition or any time for that matter, please ask them.

Serving Volunteers

8:00 am Dave Kunkel Acolyte

10:30 am Micah Slugg

Altar Guild 8:00 am Nancy Sellers & Wendy Walter

10:30 am Lori Pluda

8:00 am Andrea Roney Comm. Assistant

10:30 am Bob Reilly

Council Sender & 8 am Peggy Schmidt 10:30 am Rich Woltmann Offering counter Lector

8 am Kitty Heckler 10:30 am Tami Sarm

Ushers 8:00 am - Peggy & Bruce Schmidt

10:30 am Kay Stone & Kay Deussing

Greeter 8:00 am Dan and Wendy Walter

10:30 am Karen Heacock

10:30 am Slugg Family **Nursery**: Kay & Frank Stone Flower Delivery

In Our Prayers

Iohn Fischer Bob Kaler

Marilyn Homan Wendy Amparano Joan Lattanze Suzanne Colville Pam and Fred Matolicz Jennifer Kaler-Thomas

Paige Haldeman Al Godshall Nancy Sellers Laura Cooper Elijah Krout Liz Bauer Sue Deitch Beth Brown Joe Hopkins Xavier Jackson Muriel Rosenfelt Silvia Light Kristopher Yoder Chip Wood Dorene Bobb Layla Lapino Keira Drissel Cassi Lambert Mandie and Emmett Helen Godshall Joan Amundsen Ron and Karen Hudson Margaret Stangl Annette Beyer Dale Moyer Richard Badman Ralph and Carol Buffone Shannon Ryan Hal Williams (Carol MacDonald's Dad) Cindy Kunkel Bob Darde

Andy Armstrong (Friend of the MacDonald's) The Family and Friends of Pastor Robert Doll (spouse

Dawn passed away)

The Family and Friends of John Cisler

The Family and Friends of Charles and Andrea Roney

(Charles' Mother passed away)

This Week at Grace

Sun.	March 24
8:00 am	Worship/Communion
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship / Communion
12:30 pm	Central Phila. Korean Church
Tues.	Mar 26
	Mail Newsletter
Wed.	Mar 27
6:30 pm	Yoga - F/H
7:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service-St Maria Goretti
Thurs.	Mar 28
10 -11 am	H3C Meeting = M/R
7:30 pm	Laymen/Playmen Meeting - M/R
Fri	Mar 29
5:30-6:30 pm	Stitchers Set-Up – F/H
Sat	March 30
9 am-4 pm	"StitchIn" - F/H-M/R/Lobby/Kitchen
Sun.	March 31
8:00 am	Worship/Communion
9:15 am	SCS
10:30 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Central Phila. Korean Church

Grace-Full Questions for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

- Are there parts of your life that feel parched? In need of refreshment?
- Have you had the experience of discovering that you were working hard at something that didn't mean as much when you finished it as you thought it would? (Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Isaiah 55:2) What insight did that give you about yourself?
- Is there something near you in your life, at Grace, or in your community - that you could wish God would bless with special growth and care over this next year to bear new fruit, what might it be?

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