



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

Grace Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017

Grace Notes

Announcements

Welcome to our worship as we gather to give praise to God and receive God's blessing through his Word and Sacrament and celebrate the day of resurrection hope. We are glad you are here today!

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.

Altar Flowers have been sponsored by the Walter Family in Honor of College Graduates; Bryan Walter, Ally Clegg, Matt Smyrl, Jillian Sarm, Ryan Oxenford & Nick Seiler; by Frank and Kay Stone in Honor of May birthdays; Phillip and Patrick Taylor, Olivia Stone, and Jennifer Stone.

The Eternal Light Candle has been sponsored by Patti Kennedy in Memory of her mother, Arlene Cavanaugh.

The congregational Meeting will follow the 10:30 a.m. Service this morning. This meeting is being held for the sole purpose of a vote on Church Council's recommendation to hire Kirby-Smith to lead a Capital Campaign and Regular Stewardship Response in 2017 at a cost of \$15,000.00

Ralph Adams died and will be remembered at worship today. As per his wishes, he has been cremated and his ashes will be spread in the Arizona Desert where his beloved wife, Marie's ashes were also spread following her passing.

Stepping Stones Staff Appreciation Lunch – As a way to show appreciation to our school staff and connect Grace to Stepping Stones, a lunch is being planned for Wednesday, May 31 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. for the Stepping Stones Staff. There will be a brief meeting after 10:30 worship for anyone who would like to provide food or serve or you may let the pastor know of your willingness to help.

A New Members Class has begun. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member at Grace is invited. We are also looking for sponsors for new members to be a resource during the first year. Please see Pastor if you would like to be a new member sponsor. New members will be received on June 4.

Indian Valley Cluster Youth Event for youth and families will be held today from 5:30-8:30 p.m. There will be food, Fellowship, and lots of games for all! Please bring school or craft supplies that will be given to Silver Springs Martin Luther School for children in need. Friends are welcome too!

Hatfield Borough's Roll and Stroll will take place on May 15 from 5 pm to 8 pm. As in previous years, we are opening our doors to the community and distributing our popular tomato plants. New this year will be a table for children where they can create a small terrarium – a God's Garden. If you have time, please sign up to assist that evening or bake some delicious treats to serve to our guests. When doing your spring cleaning, if you have small (under 2 inches) knick knacks that you no longer

want, we can use them for the Gardens. Any questions, ask Peggy Schmidt or call 215-687-6511.

Summer Gatherings at Grace: Our Summer Gatherings on Wednesdays at Grace begin in June. Our time together starts with dinner and fellowship at **6:30 pm**. Please consider hosting one of our five Wednesday gatherings. As hosts you provide the main course and invite others to bring side dishes. This is a great time to catch up with Grace Friends during the summer when our schedules are busy with traveling and family activities. If you would like to be a host for one of our Wednesday Evening Picnics, please contact Kay Stone.

Summer Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, May 28th One worship service at 9:15 am

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. Kay Stone is organizing our volunteers to lead the Bible Story and Craft Time. If you would like to volunteer please contact Kay. Helpful hints will be provided to assist you in planning this fun event for our children. Our first Bible Story and Craft will be **Sunday, June 4th**.

Our tradition at Grace is to remember our Mothers on **Mother's Day** by purchasing carnations. **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 shared with Nehemiah's Way, a local shelter for those who are victims of domestic violence. The *Giving In Service Team* would like you to consider honoring or remembering your mothers by helping others in need. Forms are available in the narthex (on the table near the bulletin board). Orders should be placed in an envelope marked Mother's Day Carnations. Orders are due by **TODAY**.

Items for the June issue of the Parish Newsletter are due to Bonnie next Sunday, May 14.

Books For Babies Our collection of Books for Babies is really growing thanks to all of your efforts. My original goal for all of the Hatfield churches who are participating, was for us to collect and donate 100 hard-backed baby books to Mitzvah Circle Foundation. I am very proud to announce you all have exceeded my goal; and we now have 135 books collected at Grace Church alone, and there still is time to bring in your books for the babies. Last week, a group of adults and youth from Grace went to Mitzvah Circle Foundation for an evening to help prepare boxes for the needy families. There were less than 5 baby books for all of the boxes packed. I know our donations will have a huge impact on the smallest of children whose families are struggling with crisis. Many thanks for all of your support helping to prepare our future generations. We will never know just how far reaching our efforts will go.

Gifts for Rice Bowl will continue to be accepted. Your gifts will provide for those in need through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Manna on Main Street, and the Hatfield Food Bank at Emmanuel Congregational Church. Thank you for your generosity over the Lent Season!

Our Second Patriotic Concert and Service will be held at Grace on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. There will be special music, readings, prayers, and a POW remembrance ceremony. A free will offering will be taken. Invite your friends and come as a great way to prepare for Memorial Day Weekend.

Coffee Hour at Grace will be held each Sunday morning between the two worship services and following the 10:30 am service. Coffee and other drinks and light snacks will be served in the Atrium Lobby. Each month a member of

the congregation will be in charge of finding helpers to prepare and serve coffee hour. We NEED more people to help with coffee hour set up. If you attend the 8 am service and would be willing to start the coffee before the service and set out coffee and snacks after the 8 am service, please let Lori Pluda, Kay Stone or Diane Ball know that you are willing to help!! If you are able to help between the services to refill snacks and/or help following the service to help clean up coffee hour, please tell Lori, Kay or Diane. Donations of drink mixes, coffee, and snacks are always appreciated. In addition to coffee hour, we are also providing drinks and cookies for the Sunday School Children.

Attendance for 4/30 8:00 a.m. 19 10:30 47
 General Funds for 4/30 \$2,511
 Capital Funds \$489
 Rice Bowl \$3,218.75 to date

Grace-Full Questions for Easter 4:

In what ways is today's church like the one described in the Acts 2 Lesson? How is it different? Are there things we should change?

How might you add to the "number who are being saved?" Who would you invite? How would you invite them?

Do you have a glad and generous heart?

Do you show goodwill to all people?

Participants in today's service

- Acolytes** Anna Walter,
Olivia and Lindsey Stone
- Altar Guild** Janice Swartz,
Rich and Emily Woltmann
- Comm. Assistants** Ken Seiler, Dan Sarm
- Flower Delivery** Kay and Frank Stone
- Greeters** Don Capanear,
Carol and Paul MacDonald
- Lectors** Robin Lutchter, Laura Slugg
- Church Nursery** Jeff and Beth Krout
- Ushers** The Walter Family,
John and Bonnie Stangl
- Council Lock Up and Counters** Al Lund, Kay Deussing

In Our Prayers

- John Fischer Joe Hopkins
- Peg Weaver Dave Krum
- Carol Buffone Ed Chowajsky
- Joan Lattanze Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick
- Suzanne Colville Pam and Fred Matolicz
- Paige Haldeman Bill Forst
- Dawn Doll Jennifer Kaler-Thomas
- Mary Ann Little Jodi & Chelsea Krawitz
- Russ Hartman Yahaira Vasquez
- Jim Steeley James Roney and his family
- John Cisler Elijah Krout
- Don Capanear, Sr. Dee Mancuso
- Jon Smyrl Sue Deitch
- Barrie Finnemeyer Beth Brown
- John Stangl Joe McGlinchey
- The Family of Gus Lattanze
- The Family of Betty Schultz
- Pastor Josh Reinsburrow and his son, Henry
and Danny Wagner The Family of Ralph Adams

This Week at Grace

Sun.	May 7
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School New Members' Class
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Mtg.
12:30 p.m.	Calvary Korean Church
5:30 - 8p.m.	Cluster Youth Event at Advent, Harleysville
Mon.	May 8
7:00 p.m.	Giving in Service at Stone's
7:30 p.m.	Church "Hanging" Team
7:30 p.m.	Christian Connections Committee (replacing Chris. Ed. Committee)
Tues.	May 9
7:15 p.m.	Worship and Music Team
Wed.	May 10
11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Sun.	May 14 Newsletter info. due
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	New Members Class
10:30 a.m.	Worship
12:30 noon	Calvary Korean Church

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