



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

Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 31, 2019 – Lent 4

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.

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: June Detweiler In Honor of Nancy Sellers' birthday, and Laura Kratz In Honor of her grandchildren, Cole, Emma, Travis, and Colton.

The Bulletins this week are sponsored by: Dan and Wendy Walter in Honor of Nancy Sellers' birthday.

The Eternal Candle this week is sponsored by: Dan and Wendy Walter In Honor of Nancy Sellers' birthday.

Thank You! Suzanne Covelle would like to express her appreciation to Pastor Peterman for her visit and to say "thank you" to the InReach Team for the soup they delivered to her. Her spirits have been lifted because of your care for her.

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 Services

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**

Readers Needed: As has happened sometimes in years past, we'll be doing a reading of the passion story of Jesus on Palm Sunday this year, **April 14th**. We need a few readers at each service who will take on larger roles (Jesus and Peter) and a couple of people who can simply come that morning (criminals on the cross, centurion). Pastor Peterman wants to do one rehearsal with Jesus and Peter (they can be the same 2 people at both services or 2 different people, 2 different rehearsals). This is a lovely way to deepen your experience of Lent and Holy Week. Speak with her if you are interested.

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*

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 also 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 that 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.

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 continue on Wednesdays through **May 22, 2019**, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5 per class. Questions contact Kathy Stawasz.

Attendance 3/24/2019 - 8:00 am - 20 10:30 - 46
General Fund - \$2,033 Capital Fund - \$831.05
 Rice Bowl as of 3/25/2019 - \$1,142

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.

Serving Volunteers

Acolyte 8:00 am Ken Seiler
 10:30 am Seth Hercolini
Altar Guild 8:00 am Nancy Sellers & Wendy Walter
Comm. Assistant 8:00 am Karen Seiler
Council Sender & Offering counter 8 am Peggy Schmidt
 10:30 am Rich Woltmann
Lector 8 am Andrea Roney
 10:30 am Frank Stone
Ushers 8:00 am - Ken Seiler & Bob Smyrl
 10:30 am Kaler Family
Greeter 8:00 am Diane Ball
 10:30 am Kay Stone
Nursery: 10:30 am Kathy Stawasz & Kay Stone
Flower Delivery Kathy Stawasz

In Our Prayers

John 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
 Ron and Karen Hudson Joan Amundsen
 Margaret Stangl Annette Beyer
 Dale Moyer Richard Badman
 Ralph and Carol Buffone Shannon Ryan
 Hal Williams (Carol MacDonald's Dad)
 Cindy Kunkel Pastor Lee (Phila. Korean Church)

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)
 The Family and Friends of Bob Darde

This Week at Grace

Sun.	March 31
8:00 am	Worship/Communion
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Central Phila. Korean Church
Tues.	Apr 2
7:00 pm	Stitchers - M/R
Wed.	Apr 3
10:00 am	WELCA - M/R
6:30 pm	Yoga - F/H
7:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service-Heidelberg UCC
Sun.	Apr 7
8:00 am	Worship/Communion
9:15 am	SCS
10:30 am	Worship/Communion
12:30 pm	Central Phila. Korean Church

Grace-Full Questions for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

1. There are two sons in this week's gospel story. Where are you in the birth order of your family of origin? As you read/hear the story this week, are you more like the younger son or the older brother?
2. Do you know the experience of resentment first hand? What makes it such a difficult spiritual problem to overcome?
3. What 3 words first come to mind when you think of God? Are they the words you think of when you listen to this story and think of the father in the story?

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