

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

Grace Lutheran Church

# Sunday, May 19, 2019 – Easter V

## 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 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.

Grace's Daytime Bible Study – The next scheduled Bible Study will be on Wednesday, May 29, 11 am to noon. The Bible study will be hosted at the home of Joan Amundsen. Interested in attending? Call the church office or the pastor for the address. Bring your Bible. All levels of Bible Study experience welcome.

**The Altar Flowers this week are sponsored by:** June Detweiler In Memory of Barbara Detweiler and Joyce & Tom Salter In Honor of Sunday School Students.

**Today is Mother's Day** – again! The Pink and White carnations by the altar are in honor and memory of our mothers. Unfortunately, some of the carnation order forms were misplaced. We apologize for this delay and hope that you can remember those special mothers with these carnations today.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased carnations for our Mother's Day Project. The funds from this project help Nehemiah's Way provide much needed services to the victims of domestic violence. Thanks for your generosity!! *The Giving in Service Team.* 

## Summer Worship Schedule Begins Next Sunday, May 26th 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

#### Greet Grace's Transition Leadership Team!

On May 7th Grace's newly gathered Transition Leadership Team (TLT) met for the first time. Interim Pastor Janet Peterman leads the team. Council appointed the team under Pastor's guidance. Council representatives serving on the team are Jaime Snyder Kaler and Laura Kratz. Additional members of the team include: Tom Hopwood; MC Reilly; Bob Price; Tom Salter; Dan Sarm; and Frank Stone.

Together with Pr. Peterman, TLT is responsible for leading the study part of the interim time, as we explore where God is leading Grace in this next phase of its ministry, Grace's strengths and ministry priorities, the congregation's needs, and the kinds of strengths needed in a new pastor to work with you as you move forward.

TLT will be learning about the kinds of things that make congregations healthy and strong; about the demographic realities of Grace's wider community and how these have changed in the last 5-10 years, and might change over the next 5-10; about avenues and strategies for growth; about strengths in Grace's past and possibilities for the future.

The team will host several workshops this fall for the whole congregation, including 3-all congregational events. Council will consider possible dates at their next meeting so we can all begin holding the dates on our calendars and begin planning for them together.

TLT's first presentation will take place at Grace's third picnic, Wednesday, July 24th, which will be held at the church. Look soon for a map in the hallway outside the doors of the sanctuary, where a member of the team will "pin" your household on to it!

Together all of the team's explorations, learnings, and hosted gatherings with the congregation go into the preparation of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), the document the Council reviews, edits and adopts to send to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod to launch the call process. Target date for submitting the MSP: 1 year from Pr. Peterman's arrival at Grace (mid-February, 2020)

Please bring your questions to us. Please join with us as we engage in this important work for Grace and it's future.

Yours in Christ, Interim Pastor Janet Peterman

#### **Books for Babies-**

Thank you for the donations coming in for our Books for Babies project. You are all did a great job!! This year is a special year for this collection because the Hatfield Food Cupboard families also requested books for their children. We are sharing the book donations between the Food Cupboards, and the Baby Books will go towards the Baby Boxes at Mitzvah Circle Foundation that go to families 4 times a year to the babies until they are 2 years old. Thanks a bunch. MC

Offering Envelope for May: You will notice a new yellow envelope in your offering envelope box. This envelope is designated for the Lutheran Community at Telford. In the Spring of 2018, Grace became a supporting church to the Lutheran Community at Telford (LCT). There are 13 churches that support LCT. What do supporting churches do? Their membership provides leadership and help with fundraising for the community. They also provide a community of Lutherans who could eventually consider LCT as their home when that type of care is needed. LCT provides all levels of care – independent living, personal care and health care. When anyone becomes a resident of LCT, you are provided with a benefit that is for some reason your funds become limited, a benevolent fund is provided to help you. This benevolent fund is provided through fundraisers and your gifts to the fund. If you have questions about LCT, please ask Frank Stone, Sr. who serves on the Advisory Committee or Mary Catherine Reilly who serves on the Ladies Auxiliary.

**Tuesday, May 21** - Carol Pochron, RN, an adjunct professor at Drexel and Moravian, will be coming to St. Paul's in Telford. She will speak about "Tackling Difficult Decisions." This discussion is focused on decisions that might need to be made with and for loved ones at the end of life. Join us at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

**June 8th 3pm to 6pm--** You are invited to attend the Service of Installation of The Rev. John T. Heidgerd as Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton PA. The interim-Pastor period for Emmanuel has been long, so come celebrate the conclusion of that time with us as we look to the future with Pastor John. Rostered Leaders are invited to vest. The color of the day is RED for the Vigil of Pentecost. There will be a pot-luck dinner following the service.

Thank you for continuing to support the Food Cupboard at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church (EEC) in Hatfield. Your gifts of food help those in our area who are in need. At present these are some of the *most wanted* items that we can share with the food cupboard: Boxed plain pasta (not spaghetti); Spaghetti Sauce; Tomato – sauce, paste, diced, whole, crushed; Chunky Soups, Tomato Soup, 1 or 2 pounds of plain white rice; Cereal (no oatmeal); dishwashing liquid; laundry detergent.

**Card Showers for our members who are homebound.** InReach and Pastor Peterman are beginning a new aspect of our congregational care of our elders "**Card Showers**" for their birthdays and anniversaries.

**The Grace Website Members Only** Page password has been changed. To gain access to the serving schedule or team minutes, call the church office during business hours to obtain the new password.

**Attendance:** 5/12/2019: 8:00 am: 18, 10:30: 45 **General Fund -** \$2,143; **Capital Fund -** \$3,123 **Lutheran Community at Telford to Date:** \$137

Serving Volunteers

Acolyte	<b>8</b> :00 am TBD	
10:30 a	10:30 am Wyeth Slugg & Seth Hercolini	
Altar Guild	8:00 am Janice Swartz	
Comm. Assistant	8:00 am Ken Seiler	
<b>Prayers Prepared by:</b>	Pastor Janet Peterman	
Council Sender &	Laura Kratz and	
Offering counter	Kay Deussing	
Lector	8 am Kitty Heckler	
	10:30 am Laura Slugg	
Ushers	8:00 am Peggy & Bruce Schmidt	
	10:30 am John & Bonnie Stangl	
Greeter	8:00 am Diane Ball	
10:	30 am Carol & Paul MacDonald	
<b>Nursery</b> : 10:30 a	m Jaime Snyder & Crystal Tula	
Flower Delivery	Mary Catherine Reilly	

In Our Prayers

John Fischer Marilyn Homan Joan Lattanze Pam Matolicz Paige Haldeman Laura Cooper Elijah Krout Sue Deitch Joe Hopkins Chip Wood Kristopher Yoder Dorene Bobb Keira Drissel Mandie and Emmett Ron and Karen Hudson Bob Kaler Wendy Amparano Suzanne Colville Jennifer Kaler-Thomas Nancy Sellers Liz Bauer Beth Brown Xavier Jackson Silvia Light Ralph and Carol Buffone Cassi Lambert Shannon Ryan Annette Beyer Dale Moyer Margaret Stangl Pastor Lee (Phila. Korean Church) Richard Badman Sue Weiland's granddaughter, Aubrey Cindy Kunkel Paul "Dutch" Afflerbach (Kathie's husband) Andy Armstrong (Friend of the MacDonald's) The Family and Friends of Carol & Paul MacDonald (on the death of Carol's Father Robert Hallock "Hal Williams) The Family and Friends of Charles and Andrea Roney (Charles' Mother passed away) The Family and Friends of Bob Darde The Family and Friends of Fred Matolicz The Family and Friends of Emily Stangl

This Week at Grace	
Sun.	May 19 – Last Day Two Services
8:00 am	Worship/Communion
9:15 am	LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Central Phila. Korean Church
	Newsletter Articles Due Today!
Mon.	May 20
7:15 pm	Giving in Service - Kay Stone's Home
Tues.	May 21
7:00 pm	Council – M/R
Thurs.	May 23
7:00 pm	Stepping Stones Board Mtg M/R
Sun.	May 26 – First Sunday of Summer Schedule
9:15	Worship/Communion
12:30 pm	Central Phila. Korean Church

#### **Grace-Full Questions for Easter V**

- In Revelation, John of Patmos, has a vision of heaven and a new earth where "Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more..." (21:4) What do you wish God would make new?
- 2. Who do you find it difficult to love?
- 3. Have you ever considered that something you do might be hindering God's Holy Spirit?

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