



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

**Grace Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 26, 2019 –**

Easter VI

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.

If you would like to use one of our new hearing assist devices, please speak to an usher.

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: the Stawasz family In Honor of Ryan's 31st Birthday and Harold Schaefer In Honor of his son, Brian's Birthday.

The Eternal Candle is sponsored this week by Emily Woltmann In Honor of Rich Woltmann's Birthday.

Bible Story and Craft Time for Children will begin next Sunday, June 2nd. 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.

Sunday, June 2nd, everyone is invited to join us for a delicious breakfast in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:15 am worship service. Good food, great fellowship and some Grace updates will be shared. We will also have some brief updates for all worship servers.

Books for Babies

Many thanks to all who donated books for this campaign. With your efforts the Hatfield churches donated 422 books, and then we had an additional gift of books. In Memory of Susan Paskill, Ashely and J.J. Paskill donated her complete library of school books that she used while teaching. Susan's library consisted of 362 early childhood books. Ashley and J.J. belong to Heidelberg UCC, and they have participated in the Hatfield Community Vacation Bible School for years. It was a

wonderful privilege to have them come along to Mitzvah Circle Foundation when we delivered the books. Our grand total of books this year was 785 books for the children and babies served by Mitzvah Circle Foundation.

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

This is the last week to use the yellow envelope for your offering for May: 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 LTC 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 LTC, 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.

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.

Summer Gatherings on Wednesdays: Our Summer Picnics at Grace begin on **June 19th**. The members of Church Council will host our first picnic at Grace. Dinner is at **6:30 pm**. Bring your favorite **picnic dish** to share and a lawn chair or blanket. If you have a favorite **outdoor game** to share, bring it too. *Event is rain or shine!!* This is a great time to catch up with Grace Friends during the summer when our schedules are busy with traveling and family activities.

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: 5/19/2019 8:00 am: 24, 10:30: 55
General Fund - \$3,385 Capital Fund - \$1,180
Lutheran Community at Telford to Date: \$192

Serving Volunteers – 9:15 Service
Acolyte Frank & Kay Stone
Altar Guild Emily & Rich Woltmann
Comm. Assistant Lori Pluda
Prayers Prepared by Pastor Janet Peterman
Council Sender & Offering counter Laura Kratz and Kay Deussing
Lector Frank Stone
Ushers Walter Family
Greeter Dan & Tami Sarm
Flower Delivery Kay & Frank Stone

In Our Prayers
John Fischer Bob Kaler
Marilyn Homan Wendy Amparano
Joan Lattanze Suzanne Colville
Pam Matolicz Jennifer Kaler-Thomas
Paige Haldeman Nancy Sellers
Laura Cooper Liz Bauer
Elijah Krout Beth Brown
Sue Deitch Xavier Jackson
Joe Hopkins Silvia Light
Chip Wood Ralph and Carol Buffone
Kristopher Yoder Cassi Lambert
Dorene Bobb Shannon Ryan
Keira Drissel Annette Beyer
Mandie and Emmett Dale Moyer
Ron and Karen Hudson Cindy Kunkel
Margaret Stangl Bill Shaffer
Richard Badman
Pastor Lee (Phila. Korean Church)
Sue Weiland's granddaughter, Aubrey
Paul "Dutch" Afflerbach (Kathie's husband)
Andy Armstrong (Friend of the MacDonald's)
For all who grieve, including: The family and friends of Charles'

Roney's mother; Hal Williams (Carol MacDonald's father); Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Emily Stangl (John's niece); Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); and Sue Deitch (Frank Stone's cousin's wife)

This Week at Grace	
Sun.	May 26 –First Day of One Worship Service
9:15 am	Worship/Communion
12:30 am	Central Philadelphia Korean Church
Mon.	May 27 – Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
Tues.	May 28
10:00 am	Mail Newsletters – M/R
Wed.	May 29
11:00 am	Bible Study at Joan Amundsen's Home
7:00 pm	Transition Team – M/R
Sun.	June 2
9:15	Worship/Communion
12:30 pm	Central Phila. Korean Church

- Grace-Full Questions for Easter VI**
1. Revelation continues with a vision of the end of time, a time when the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb will be its temple...when people will bring into it the glory and honor of the nations. (21:22, 26) What glory and honor do you pray for our nation this weekend?
 2. Is your heart troubled in anyway this day?
 3. If so, what might open your heart to receive the peace that Jesus offers? “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” (John 14:27)

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