



Parish News

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

June 2019

A Letter from the Pastor

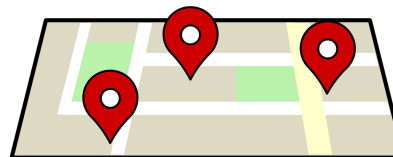
From one ancestor God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”... Acts 17:27-28

Dear Friends at Grace,
 When we gather for brunch on Sunday, June 2nd, and for each of the Sundays of June, when you come for worship, you'll have an opportunity to “pin” your household onto a map.

It's a transition exercise. We're going to see where we all live... and we're going to compare where we live with where the families of Stepping Stones live.

This is just one way we'll reflect on who Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is today as we move into this next phase of ministry, and who God is calling you to be as you move forward. Come, make sure your household is **on the map!**

See you soon.
 Interim Pastor Janet S. Peterman



Food for thought:

Fresh Activity is the only means of overcoming adversity

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Council Corner

The bulk of our work reviewed in April consisted of information discussed at the Property Management Committee meeting. Several items needed our attention such as the leaking windows in the Narthex, a plug for the heater and generator, a hot water issue in the kitchen and setting of the heater dial. The Committee continues to work on contacting and securing a contract to handle the rental properties.

A brief update was given on the staffing issues faced by Stepping Stones. It was exciting to learn that Stepping Stones will be celebrating 50 years this year. Under New Business, the Communication Team requested \$180 to make the Grace website secure. This would make it safer for members (member page password has changed) and visitors alike. A motion was made and passed. Also discussed was the use of the new bulletin board.

Other items reviewed included an update on the Transition Team, Pastor's report and our financials. A full copy of the minutes are posted on the website and on the bulletin board on the Narthex for your review.

Peggy Schmidt, Council President.

Snapshots from the Synod

The first weekend in May, Bruce and I, along with Pastor Peterman, attended the Southeastern PA Synod. Since it was our first time attending this event, we arrived bright and early to attend the orientation and meet some of our fellow participants. We even reconnected with friends that we have not seen in a while.

The days consisted of joyful worship, procedural items such as numerous voting opportunities for Synod representatives, votes on two resolutions (lobbying for immigration and an Earth agenda) and reports on the status of the churches and other Synod related items.

What we both found to be the most beneficial is the networking and the "Holy Huddles" where we had a chance to talk with other church representatives about their challenges. Some of the churches we spoke to have congregants that drive 30 minutes to 45 minutes to their services. Compare how different that is at Grace where in many cases we can walk to ours. An advantage for Grace is the number of outreach activities that we have. But we picked up even more ideas on how to improve attendance at the activities and at our services. Did you know that we really should be promoting our Christmas services ten weeks in advance? People are already making their holiday plans then and we want to be a

part of it.

We also spent some time talking with Synod representatives about the “Forward Together in Faith” grant. This is something we plan on applying for, so stayed tuned to hear our action plan on that. And we even came up with a new program that we can use for a Stitchers’ event.

It was an interesting and long weekend, filled with ideas that hopefully we can use as we go through our transition period and beyond!

Peggy and Bruce Schmidt

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.

List for Heidelberg- Philly Homeless

H3C has been invited to participate in this campaign and so are all of you. Heidelberg UCC is making care packages and will deliver them to the homeless in Philadelphia. The collection will end August 4th. They are collecting the following items:

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| Deodorant | Socks | Chapstick |
| Toothbrushes/toothpaste | Bottled water | Combs |
| Feminine Hygiene Products | Bar soap | Floss |
| Individual Tissue packets | Shower gel | Lotion |
| Rain poncho | Deck of cards | Small Bible |
| Gallon Zip Lock bags with Zipper | Flash light and batteries | |
| Snacks- gum/granola bars/fruit snacks/trail mix | | |

Summer Wednesday Evening Fellowship Gatherings

Join us for our first Summer Picnic on June 19th. We begin our time together with dinner and fellowship. 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.

Church Council members will host our first picnic at Grace on June 19th

July 10th Host: Barb Watts at her home 147 N. Main Street, Hatfield

July 24th Hosts: Grace Transition Team at Grace

August 7th Hosts: Peggy and Bruce Schmidt at their home
155 Forest Way, Hatfield

August 21st Hosts: Christian Connection Team at Grace
Picnic and Movie Night at Grace

PICNICS ARE RAIN OR SHINE!!



Spring Clean Up

On June 29th from 9 am to 1 pm we will be having a spring clean up in and around Grace. Everyone is invited to help out because there will be something for everyone to do! Please come out and join us – you do not have to be there the entire time.

Summer Worship Schedule from May 26th through Sept. 1st
One Worship Service at 9:15 pm
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. Children who participate will leave the sanctuary after the gospel reading and return for communion. The children may return to the Nursery or Fellowship Hall after communion until the end of the service. At the conclusion of worship, please meet your children in the Nursery or Fellowship Hall.

Bible Story and Craft begins Sunday, June 2nd and will continue through Sunday, August 26th

Note: No Bible Story and Craft on Sundays, July 7th, August 4th, and September 1st

PLEASE contact Kay Stone if you are able to help with Bible Story and Craft time.



A gentle reminder to ALL SERVING VOLUNTEERS: **Please remember to find your own replacement when you are unable to fulfill your scheduled serving days.** if you need a list of volunteers to ask, please contact the head of your serving area. Once you sign up to help, it becomes your responsibility to make sure that date and time are covered. With your ongoing help, ALL of our volunteers will be able to feel like their time and commitment are valued and we will all have more downtime to recharge our volunteer “batteries”. Thanks, in advance, for your help in this matter and thanks for ALL you do!

Stepping Stones Update:

Congrats to our Grads! The Nursery School Class of 2018-2019 has graduated with flying colors! Our school celebrated all of the wonderful achievements by our Nursery School students with a short performance of English and Spanish songs, sign language, Bible verses, and songs played on the bells. School wide we've celebrated Mother's day with handmade presents from the children; some classes even made a "Breakfast in Bed" kit for their Moms! We can't wait to get cracking on our Father's Day presents! May has just flown by and we can't wait to start feeling the sunshine, splashing in water tables, and smelling the sunscreen!

Jessica Moran
Interim Director

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

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

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 Stangl's niece); Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); and Sue Deitch (Frank Stone's cousin's wife)

Therefore Let us go toward perfection. Hebrews 6:1

Whether our choir meets on a week night or at 9:20 Sunday Morning, we need to practice the music we will be singing. Rehearsal is sometimes painstaking work and may even sometimes seem tedious. The French word for rehearsal, **repetition**, sometimes seems all too appropriate. In choir practice, we are likely to repeat difficult passages many times in order to master our music.

A commitment to attending rehearsals might mean missing something else. But if we assume that because we know the music, we don't need to practice, we are thinking as individuals and not as members of a unified body that needs all its parts.....soprano, alto, tenor, and bass....to produce its sound. Rehearsal reminds us of the integral connection between discipline and freedom.

I've often noticed the similarities between rehearsal and prayer. We may be tempted, for a variety of reasons, to skip prayer. Sometimes when we pray, it seems tedious. However, if we persevere, something begins to happen. For just as rehearsal is not an end in itself but a preparation for singing God's praises in worship, our prayer time is not a goal but a preparation. Don't you wish you could sing in the choir? You can you know.

Kenneth Delmar
Minister of Music

THANK YOU! Sending thanks to everyone at Grace for your hugs, prayers, cards, and kindness since February while I said goodbye to the amazing father I was blessed to have for 50 "some-odd" years. Your comfort and care have truly made a difference during this difficult time. A special thank you to INreach for the beautiful altar flowers you sponsored in honor of my Dad, to Pastor Peterman for lifting us up and reminding us of God's continuous support and love, for those of you who were able to be there to support us at my Dad's memorial, and to Fay Younger for dropping off meals to our family at "just the right time". I am beyond privileged to work with such a wonderful group of thoughtful, caring, generous people.

- Carol MacDonald (Paul too!)

June Serving Schedule

| June | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
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| Communion Assist | Carol MacDonald | Frank Stone | Jaime Snyder | Bob Reilly | Frank Stone |
| Lector | Bob Kaler | Joyce Salter | Jean Shaffer | Beth Krout | Bob Reilly |
| Acolyte | Paige & Lacey Haldeman | Wyeth Slugg | Olivia Stone | Seth Herculini | Micah Slugg |
| Ushers | Kaler Family | Bob Reilly & Dave Kunkel | Kay Stone & Kay Deussing | Rich Woltmann & Harold Schaefer | Kay Stone & Kay Deussing |
| Greeters | Kathy Stawasz | Barb Watts | Barb Watts | Barb Watts | Karen Heacock |
| Flower Delivery | Kathy Stawasz | Jeff & Beth Krout | Dee Mancuso | Harold Schaefer | Carol MacDonald |
| Children Story/Craft | Jaime Snyder | TBD | Bonnie & Kim Stangl | TBD | Kay Stone |
| Altar Guild: | Rich & Emily Woltmann | | | | |
| Council Duties: | Laura Kratz, Kay Deussing | | | | |



The **Summer Worship** Schedule started on May 26th. Worship and Communion will be every Sunday at 9:15am and there will be no Sunday School unless otherwise noted. Calvary Korean Church will use the sanctuary each Sunday starting at 12:30 pm.

Sun Jun 2, 2019

Summer Worship Schedule

10:15 am Coffee , Breakfast & Conversation

Tue Jun 4, 2019

7pm Stitches

Wed Jun 5, 2019

11:00am WELCA at the Salters

11:00am Bible Study at J Amundsen home

7:15pm Communication Team

Sun Jun 9, 2019

Summer Worship Schedule

Tue Jun 11, 2019

7:15pm Worship & Music

7:15pm Property Committee

7:30pm Christian Connections

Fri Jun 14, 2019

FLAG DAY

Sun Jun 16, 2019

**Summer Worship Schedule - newsletter items due
Father's Day**

Tue Jun 18, 2019

7pm Church Council Meeting

Wed Jun 19, 2019

6:30pm Summer Fellowship Picnic at Grace

Sun Jun 23, 2019

Summer Worship Schedule

Tue Jun 25, 2019

10am Newsletter mailed

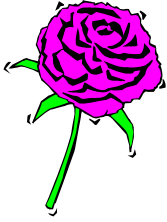
Sun Jun 30, 2019

Summer Worship Schedule

Photo Policy

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 the Pastor or a Church Council member know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.

WELCA will meet on June 5 at the home of Joyce Salter at 11 am for a summer picnic. Hot Dogs and beverages will provided . Please come and bring a side dish or dessert to share. Enjoy fellowship and some games.



THANK YOU to everyone who purchased carnations for our Mother's Day Project. The pink and white carnations looked so beautiful by the altar. 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

The InReach Team wants to thank everyone who participated in and supported two of their events this spring – The Mother's Day Dinner and the Spring Fling Flea Market. The spaghetti dinner was delicious and the ladies certainly enjoyed the fellowship almost as much as the waiter service provided by the men of Grace. Kudos to the chefs – Bruce Schmidt and Dan Walters. The event raised \$500 for the generator fund.

The Flea Market had a perfect weather day and experienced an increase in tables and attendees. As always the food table and bake sale did a fantastic job. This event raised \$200 for the generator fund.



Join Us for a Delicious Breakfast

Sunday, June 2 after the 9:15 am

Worship Service

There have been so many exciting new things happening at Grace, we want to be sure that everyone knows what they are!

Some items we will share:

The new hearing assist system and CD recordings

The AED system

Visiting our shut ins

Also, new information will be shared with all of you who volunteer as Worship Servers (ushers, greeters, lectors, acolytes, communion assistants).

New positioning and movement of lectors

Opening the church building

And much more!

RSVP to: Kay Stone or sign up on the display in the narthex.



2019 Hatfield Community VBS

July 14th – July 18th

5:45pm – 8:30pm, dinner included each night

Hosted by: Heidelberg UCC
1101 Cowpath Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440
(215) 368-0442

4yrs – 8th grade, adults also welcome to Bible Study.

Online registration info coming soon!

Check here for more information as it become available or “like” us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranHatfield> to stay in the loop!

Questions? Leave a message at the church office for Laura Slugg. 215-855-4676



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