



Parish News

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

Oct 2019

Council Corner

One thing that Council has learned this year is that when one window closes, God opens a door. We have seen this in personnel changes and changes with property management. The chapter to building our new building has finally closed with the release of our escrow and the final payments to our builder and to our engineer. So what is next?

Council has been working with the Transition Team as they plan for our next steps in calling a new pastor. Each month we discuss the progress as we move through this very important time.

As part of this overall process, Council, with the able assistance of the Finance Team, is reviewing all of our existing contracts to be sure they are up to date with the latest information as well as the best value. It is a time consuming task, but one that will position us well for the future.

Our Property Management Committee is constantly working and identifying potential needs to keep all of our properties in working order.

With exciting news of new members on the horizon, Council is asking each of its teams to identify a representative to sit on an ad hoc New Members Committee in order to shepherd them through this process and to make them feel a vital part of our congregation.

The next few months will face some new challenges as budget time approaches. If you are on a team, Council is asking each group to look and review your budgetary needs so that it can properly be placed in the 2020 Budget.

As always, Council asks for your prayers and help as we continue to move through our transition period.

Peggy Schmidt, Council President

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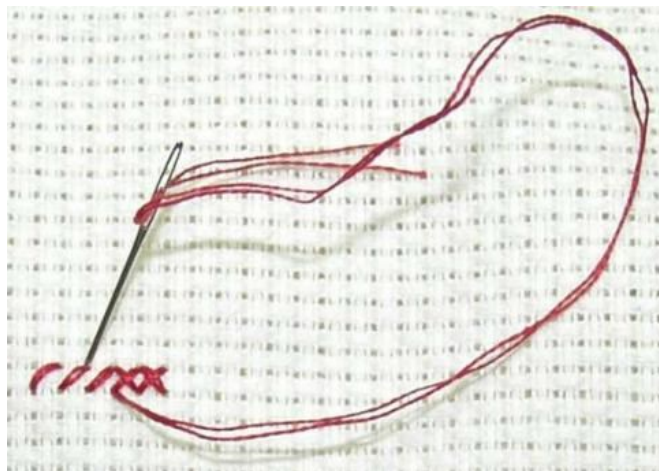
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Fall Stitch In Set For Oct 12th

Bring a project and join the fun as we spend time working on new projects or tackling those unfinished projects! Or come and learn a new craft from a fellow “stitcher”. Any type of stitching will do – Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Punch Needle, Crochet, Knitting, Rug Hooking and Quilting just to name a few.

Kits will also be available to purchase to make a frame weight.

Time is 10 am to 3 pm with doors opening at 9:30 am. Cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Price includes lunch and snacks. Proceeds benefit the generator fund.



For reservations or questions contact Peggy Schmidt or Wendy Walter.

Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project

In mid-November we will begin our collection of items for families in our area who are in need of our special help during the Christmas Season. For many years we have been providing local families with gifts to wrap and place under their family Christmas Tree. These families appreciate that YOU are so generous and caring.

Watch for more information in Grace Notes and for the display in the narthex during the month of November. A wish list of items for each family will be available for your choosing. What a wonderful way to begin the Advent Season by giving to one of our families.

This is just another way that YOU are Grace Stewards!!
The *Giving In Service Team* appreciates your generosity!



YOGA (Hatha) CLASS Back by Popular Demand. Class will be on Wednesday each week through December 11, 2019 (except 11/27/19) from 6:30-7:30 pm. - All-levels. Poses and sequences will work on using all parts of the body, and will vary from week to week. This will be suitable for those with some yoga experience but also for anyone with little to none, as options will be offered for the various poses. The goal is to work on strength and flexibility gradually while gaining an ability to focus on breath and awareness.

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
40 N. Main Street, Hatfield, PA

COST: \$5/class or \$65 for all 13 classes

(Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church)

WHO: Ages 18 and up

What is needed: exercise mat

(let me know if you need one)

Invite a friend or family member everyone is welcome.

Contact Kathy Stawasz if interested.



Have you tried our hearing assist devices?

Grace acquired 4 hearing assist devices earlier this year and they were such a hit that we ordered 4 more. There are 2 styles available, a loop style that will work with your personal hearing aid and an over the ear style (which is cleaned each time it is used) that you may use if you don't currently have a personal device or in addition to your device. We also have small over the shoulder pouches for you to put the receiver into (Thank-you Lori!), in case you don't have a pocket that will fit it so you can keep your hands free. Talk to an usher at any service, lets make good use of all of the devices that we have purchased!

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.

Grace welcomes Interim Minister of Music Kevin Freaney!



Kevin Freaney began his role as Interim Minister of Music on September 8th. The position lasts through the calendar year while we determine some important things about how to define and cover the costs of the position. Watch for opportunities to provide your input! Kevin is a graduate of Westminster Choir College with a major in Church Music/Organ. His piano and choral directing skills are also excellent. Choir rehearsals have started up again, for those who are interested. He and his family live in Chalfont. Welcome, Kevin!

WELCA will meet Wednesday, October 2nd at 10am at Grace. After devotions, we will enjoy a bag lunch together. Dessert will be provided.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

<i>John Fischer</i>	<i>Elijah Krout</i>	<i>Doug Boldon</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>Lisa Kane</i>
<i>Dorene Bobb</i>	<i>Beth Brown</i>	<i>Annette Beyer</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>Gerry Mason</i>
<i>Xavier Jackson</i>	<i>Margaret Stangl</i>	<i>Bill Shaffer</i>
<i>Pastor Lee (Phila. Korean Church)</i>		

For all who grieve, including: *The family and friends of Charles' Roney's mother; Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Emily Stangl (John's niece); Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Sue Deitch (Frank Stone's cousin's wife); Shannon Ryan, Chip Wood, John C. Stalder (Bruce Schmidt's uncle) and "Dutch" Afflerbach. (Kathie's husband).*

Stepping Stones Update

Stepping Stones has been incredibly busy in the last month and we are excited for the upcoming school year! As we look to the future, we are opening an infant classroom in October 2019 and can't wait to start serving more families! This month we are looking forward to a Vision Screening provided by the Montgomery County Association for the Blind who comes out and evaluates children's eyesight to help make sure they have a strong foundation for learning. This organization provides this service for free to families with children ages 3 and up and will even test for colorblindness if suspected! Next month we look forward to visiting the Freddy Hill pumpkin patch; if anyone is interested in being a chaperone please contact Jessica Moran at Stepping Stones to find out what is required of chaperones.

Jessica Moran
Director
Stepping Stones Nursery School and Day Care

Donations needed for Stepping Stones:

We're trying to make a snack that is all inclusive for some of our children with allergies. We are looking for donations for the following items:

- ⇒ Mini chocolate chips
- ⇒ raisins
- ⇒ mini marshmallows
- ⇒ popped popcorn
- ⇒ corn chex cereal
- ⇒ shelled sunflower seeds

A basket can be found in the narthex in which to place your donations with additional lists for you to take along.



October Serving Schedule

Oct	6	13	20	27
Communion Assist -8am	Karen Seiler	Joanne Moyer	Joanne Moyer	Karen Seiler
Lector - 8am	Peggy Schmidt	Mickey Koffel	Kitty Heckler	David Kunkel
Acolyte - 8am	Ken Seiller	Anna Walter	David Kunkel	David Kunkel
Ushers -8am	Ken Seiler & David Kunkel	Walter Family	Davie Kunkel	Peggy & Bruce Schmidt
Greeters - 8am	June Detweiler	June Detweiler	June Detweiler	June Detweiler
Altar Guild - 8am	June Detweiler	June Detweiler	June Detweiler	June Detweiler
Comm. Assist 10:30	John Kerney	NA	NA	Jaime Snyder
Lector - 10:30am	Bob Reilly	Betty Murray	Jean Shaffer	Laura Slugg
Acolyte - 10:30am	Seth Herculini	Lacey Halderman	Carol MacDonald	Olivia & Kay Stone
Ushers - 10:30am	Carol & Paul MacDonald	Bonnie & John Stangl	Kaler Family	Kay Stone & Kay Deussing
Greeters - 10:30am	Kay Deussing	Dan & Tami Sarm	Paul & Carol MacDonald	Kay Deussing
Altar Guild - 10:30am	Lori Pluda & Bonnie Stangl	NA	NA	Lori Pluda & Bonnie Stangl
Flower Delivery	Kathy Stawasz	Jeff & Beth Krout	MC Reilly	Dee Mancuso
Nursery	Jaime Snyder & helper	Tracey Frick & Tara Clegg	TBD	Slugg Family

Council Duties:

8am - Peggy Schmidt; 10:30am - Rich Woltmann

Our **Regular Worship** will be an 8am Communion Service and a 10:30am service with communion on the 1st and 4th Sundays. Sunday School will be at 9:15am unless otherwise noted. Calvary Korean Church will use the sanctuary each Sunday starting at 12:30 pm.

Tue Oct 1, 2019	7:00pm	Stitchers
	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Wed Oct 2, 2019	10:00am	WELCA
	6:30pm	Yoga
Thu Oct 3, 2019	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal

Sun Oct 6, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule - Blessing of the Animals

	2:30pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Mon Oct 7, 2019	7:30pm	Laymen Playmen Board Meeting
Tue Oct 8, 2019	6:30pm	Finance Committee
	7:15pm	Communication Team
	7:15pm	Property Committee
	7:15pm	Worship & Music Team
	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Wed Oct 9, 2019	6:30pm	Yoga
Thu Oct 10, 2019	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Fri Oct 11, 2019	5:30pm	Stitch-In Setup
Sat Oct 12, 2019	8:30am	Stitch-In

Sun Oct 13, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule

	2:30pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Mon Oct 14, 2019	7:30pm	Christian Connections
Tue Oct 15, 2019	7:00pm	Church Council
	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Wed Oct 16, 2019	6:30pm	Yoga
Thu Oct 17, 2019	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal

Sun Oct 20, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule - Newsletter Items Due

	2:30pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Tue Oct 22, 2019	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Wed Oct 23, 2019	6:30pm	Yoga
Thu Oct 24, 2019	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Fri Oct 25, 2019	6:30pm	Cub Pack 510 Meeting
Sat Oct 26, 2019	2:00pm	Trunk or Treat - Rain or Shine

Sun Oct 27, 2019 Regular Worship Schedule - Reformation Sunday

	2:30pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Tue Oct 29, 2019	10:00am	Newsletters Mailed
	9:00am	Coat Drive
	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal
Wed Oct 30, 2019	6:30pm	Yoga
Thu Oct 31, 2019	7:00pm	Laymen Playmen Rehearsal



Harvest Home Sunday

September 29th

9:15 am communion service

Harvest Home will be celebrated on Sunday, September 29th. Our gifts of food will help those in our immediate communities who are in need of food. These offerings are shared with ***Manna on Main Street*** in Lansdale and ***The Food Cupboard*** at our neighbor church, Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church in Hatfield.

You are invited to bring ***canned goods and non-perishable items*** to church during the month of **September**. There will be a display in the narthex with a list of food items needed.

A few suggested food items from Manna and EEC are:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables (no corn or green beans)
- Canned Meats
- Canned Soups
- Cereal

In addition to bringing items of food for our neighbors in our area, you may also use the envelope included in your offering envelope box that is designated for ***Harvest Home Sunday***. These gifts will be given to the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal**. You will be providing funds needed for our neighbors in countries around the world.

The *Giving In Service Team* thanks you for these gifts that you share with those in need.

2019 CROP WALK

Sunday, October 6th

Walk. Give. Change the World.

Together, we can help end hunger in our community
and around the world!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 6th**. The North Penn 41st Annual **CROP Walk** will be held rain or shine. The walk begins and ends at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale. Won't you join in the fun and walk so that others may have food on their tables!! The funds raised at area CROP Walks are given to Church World Service. CWS distributes these funds to the areas in the world in most need of help. A percentage of the funds raised are also shared locally with the North Penn Area.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Services and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U. S. and around the world.

If you cannot join the walk, help sponsor one of our Grace walkers. Please help support this project in 2019!! For information and forms about CROP Walk, see Diane Ball, Jean Shaffer or Lori Pluda.

Something new this year: You can support our Grace Team and give online. Use this in your web browser to sign up to walk or give: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansdalepa/Team/View/115926/Grace-Lutheran-in-Hatfield>

Visit http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=crop_main for more information about this world wide project through Church World Service.



Attention all Serving Volunteers... Thank you for serving in 2019. It is that time of year when we put together the 2020 serving schedule. If you are currently scheduled to serve and do not want to serve in 2020 please let the person in charge know by 12/1/20. If we do not hear from you we will keep you on the schedule. We are also looking for NEW volunteers. Please feel free to talk to anyone in charge of a serving area. THANKS!!

We are also in need of a leader for the Lectors. If you are interested please call Kathy Stawasz 215-760-6297. Thank You Karen Seiler for all your years of service as the leader of the lectors.

- 8/10:30 - Altar Guild - Emily Woltmann
- 8/10:30 - Communion Assistants - Carol MacDonald
- 8/10:30 - Lectors - Leader needed
if interested call Kathy Stawasz
- 8/10:30 - Acolytes - Kathy Stawasz
- 8/10:30 - Ushers - Kay Stone
- 8/10:30 - Greeters - Tami Sarm
- 8/10:30 - Coffee Hour - Lori Pluda
- 10:30 - Nursery - Kathy Stawasz
- 10:30 - Flower Deliver - Kathy Stawasz
- 10:30 - Paraments - Emily Woltmann

Outdoor Sign Updates: Grace is excited to announce that we now have 2 volunteers to keep the outdoor signs updated. Crystal Tula and Laura Slugg made their first update this week. It's not too exciting, but now the community knows what our Sunday morning schedule is for the fall. Our tentative plan is to update the signs on Broad Street and Main Street at least once a month, probably on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Please let the office know about special events that you would like to have highlighted on one of both of the outdoor signs. If you think of a catchy or profound saying, sent us those too!

Hatfield Coat Drive

Six years ago on a particularly cold and snowy day, a four year old little girl came to my school dressed in a sweatshirt for her coat and summer clothes. After talking with the mother, it became evident the little girl didn't have a winter coat nor appropriate clothes for winter. After a few calls, a friend donated clothing and a winter coat for her and other arrangements were made for additional help. This situation planted a seed of an idea of making sure our children in Hatfield would have winter coats.

It has come to the attention of the H3C that many of the Hatfield families live below the poverty level and more than 50% of the local Elementary Schools' children qualify for government sponsored breakfasts and lunches. Buying a winter coat can be a luxury for some families. With your help and donation of coats, you can keep our "at risk" children in the Hatfield Community, warm for this winter. Warmth should not be a luxury.

Please consider donating a winter coat or two in the sizes infant to 16/18 youth or giving a financial donation and help "keep away the cold".

The deadline for the coat donations is Sunday, October 27th. Distribution will be Tuesday, October 29th. If you would like to help with coat sorting or distribution, please contact MC Reilly.



Information from Music Feedback Forms

(little blue and purple sheets filled out in August)

Thanks to many of you who took time to share your thoughts about our worship music at Grace. We have read your comments and are considering each one. We appreciate your thoughts and will use these as we consider the future of our music program at Grace. *Worship and Music Team*



**A Halloween celebration for the whole family, sponsored by
the Grace Lutheran Church**

When: Saturday, October 26

Time: 2 p.m. (truck setup starts at 1:30 p.m.)

2:30 p.m. Costume Parade

Judging of the Trunks

Where: Grace Lutheran Church parking lot

The Community is invited to wear costumes and trick or treat while
viewing decorated cars in the church parking lot.

For more information or to reserve a spot for your decorated vehicle,
contact Joyce

The event will include:

Costume contest

Trunk decoration contest

Snacks

In case of rain the costume parade will still be held inside.





Wilkum!

Save the date for the Ladies Fall Tea on Saturday November 9th from 2-4pm

We will all be Pennsylvania Dutch as we welcome Keith Brintzenhoff from Kutztown, who will entertain us with folk-songs, 4 instruments, share his humor and history.

Sign up poster will be coming soon, and as always, look for the silver platter display—this year we will welcome PA Dutch cookies, pies, quick bread or anything PA dutch—come share your family history if you like. Feel free to extend an invitation of welcome to those outside the church community, they will be sure to enjoy the time together with us.

Mer hoff mer sehn eich datt- “We hope we see you there”!!! Any questions contact Lori Pluda, Please call to add any guests after the table set up deadline of Thursday November 7th .

Celebrating our 33rd Year The Laymen Playmen, Inc.

Proudly Present



February 6 ~ 9 2020

February 13 ~ 16 2020

215 ~ 368 ~ 9484

www.laymenplaymen.org

Lansdale United Methodist Church
300 N Broad St. Lansdale PA 19446

Music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein. As presented by CBS-Television, March 31, 1957

From the ELCA Bishop:

Dear Church,

Centered in Christ, the 2019 Churchwide Assembly was significant in many ways: worship, thoughtful deliberation and prayer led to the adoption of memorials and resolutions that will shape this church for years to come. Among these decisions, this church was called to address the deadly power of racism and white supremacy. Martin Luther's clear exposition of the gospel — that God justifies, that we are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus, and that grace is a gift — not only makes it possible to engage in this work but gives us a framework in which to do it. The doctrine of justification is a great leveler. It acknowledges that no one group of people can claim supremacy over others. We are all deeply in need of grace, and God gives this gift to all. Standing equally under the judgement and promise of the gospel, we, as a church, can recognize the overt and covert ways that a culture of white supremacy denies full humanity to all people, and we can work to dismantle it.

We offered a public apology titled "Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent." In the context of the quadricentennial remembrance of American slavery in this country, we acknowledge that racism and white supremacy are deeply rooted in that history, and that the church is complicit. This apology "means working toward a deeper understanding of slavery and its legacy, of institutional and structural racism, of white privilege, and of attitudes and foundations of white supremacy." It was accepted by the African Descent Lutheran Association with a call to accountability. ...

We adopted a resolution condemning white supremacy. Through study, prayer and action, we call "all congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to engage in communal study of the structures and rhetoric that empower and fuel racism and white supremacy and to take to heart the teaching of Scriptures, so we may all be better equipped to speak boldly about the equal dignity of all persons in the eyes of God." Whether our churches and communities are racially diverse or predominantly white, this is work for all of us. We have several existing racial justice resources available to support this work.

We adopted a resolution to establish June 17 as "Emanuel 9 Day of Repentance," commemorating the martyrdom of Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Ma-

rie Graham-Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, Depayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel L. Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson by a violent white supremacist, Dylann Roof, who grew up in the ELCA. The resolution calls for June 17 as a day of repentance, grounded in prayer; worship resources are currently in development. It also calls for deepening conversations with the African Methodist Episcopal Church on matters of racism and white supremacy, and building upon the long-standing relations between our two churches. A letter I received from the senior episcopal leadership of the African Methodist Episcopal Council of Bishops noted that "Martin Luther was the 'Great Reformer.' Richard Allen started the AME Church to reform the racially divided American Christianity he experienced in his lifetime. It is appropriate that Churches birthed by these two persons who sought more authentic and true expressions of Christianity engage in conversations that will lead to 21st Century reform, justice, and reconciliation." In response, I have acknowledged the significance of their willingness to engage in deeper conversations with us, as an affirmation of our striving to be accountable in and through authentic relationships. I shared my hope that our talks since 2015, as well as previous rounds of dialogue between our two churches, will enable us to develop new models that move us from dialogue to diapraxis, or dialogue in action, for the sake of our witness to our unity in Christ in these divisive and deadly times.

These recent developments build upon the continuous work we are doing as the ELCA and in ecumenical partnership. Through bilateral work, such as our joint **Statement of Mission** with the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and in councils and coalitions, especially the National Council of Churches and its **A.C.T. Now to End Racism** initiative and the cross-racial dialogue of the **Conference of National Black Churches**, we are doubling down on our work, witness and advocacy with other Christians against racism and white supremacy.

You, in congregations and synods, are identifying new and renewed possibilities for engaging in this difficult but life-giving work and witness. We take the next steps together assured that there is no longer that which divides us, for we are one in Christ Jesus.

In peace, The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
 Presiding Bishop, ELCA



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