



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

**Grace Lutheran Church  
December 1st - First Sunday of Advent**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

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

*Nursery area: As you face the rear of the sanctuary from inside, the nursery area is on the far left.*

**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. Please return empty cups to the empty side of the tray.

**Music Setting 8:** over the next several weeks, Kevin will incorporate the melodies of this music into worship as part of helping us learn this newer setting for worship. This week you will hear some of the melodies as part of the pre-service music on the 184 of ELW.

**The Altar Flowers this week are sponsored by:** The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and Barbara Watts in memory of Evelyn and Elwood Watts' anniversary.

**Advent Candle lighting this week:**  
8 am service, Peggy and Bruce Schmidt  
10:30 am service, Dan and Tami Sarm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Shut In Box for WELCA** is in the back of the church. There will be a list by the box. **December 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to bring in cards.** Thank You. WELCA

**Offering Envelopes for 2020** available in the narthex. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. Please take your envelopes with you. Do **NOT** use these new envelopes until 2020. Please check with Pastor Peterman or Kay Stone if you have any questions.

**Giving Cards for 2020** it's come to our attention that at least one letter about giving for 2020 was missing its Giving Card. If you need a card, there are blank ones on the window sill at the back of the sanctuary. You may fill one out at any time and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Your gifts are life giving to the work we do together!

**On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>,** during the luncheon portion of our **Transition Meeting** (approximately 11:45 am), the 2020 Budget will be presented. Motions and a vote to approve the budget and a separate motion to approve the expenditure of funds for the Warming Center will be taken. Copies of the budget and the Warming Center background and motion are available in the Narthex. We hope that you will plan on being with us for these important meetings.

**Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project** began last Sunday! Our Grace shoppers are wonderful -- they signed up for most of the items needed by our 3 families. If you have NOT had a chance to choose a gift, we have added Walmart Gift Cards that have been requested by several other families from the Hatfield Christmas Committee. Check out the display in the narthex and sign up for one of the gift cards. Please take an envelope and return both the envelope and gift card by Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> when all gifts are due. In addition we are also collecting items for the Angel Boxes. These items that cannot be purchased with food stamps are every day supplies needed by our families. A shopping list is provided for you and can be found by the Angel Gifts display. If you would like the Confirmation class to do your shopping, please give your donation to Pastor Peterman by Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful way to share the Christmas Spirit by giving to one of our families. The *Giving In Service Team* appreciates your generosity!

**Baking this holiday season?** Can you bake an extra dozen for someone that can use something sweet to brighten up their holiday? Drop your cookies or candies off in the kitchen or at 155 Forrest Way, Hatfield by December 11th by 6:30 pm. Then join the In-Reach Team in packing them up at 7 pm. We guarantee you will have fun!

**We all have treasured people in our lives that we are thankful for and want them to know it** — so during the month of November and early December, let's take the time to send them a note to tell them how much we care. In the narthex you will find "the golden treasure table", assortment of Christmas cards, pens (and glue if the envelope has lost its stick) and a church directory inside a blue binder. Sit down, write your card and add any sentiments, sign your name or not, write the name, address etc, and place it in the gold star flat box. The Inreach Team will stamp and mail all the cards the second week in December. Everyone loves to receive tangible gifts of thought in the mail, not just e-cards— You have the power to make someone's day!

*Special thanks to In-Reach for this year's initiative Linda Kaler for a rich store of Christmas cards, thank you!*

**Memorial Gift Thanks.** We thank Joyce Salter for the memorial gift of home communion kits and lovely purificators (napkins) to go with them. When Grace's new Visitation Team goes out they will be ready to take Word and sacrament out from Grace's worship more regularly to the people of Grace who are sick, homebound, or otherwise unable to be in worship in our sanctuary with us. Her gift is in memory of Pastor Drew Fischer. Thank you!

**Congratulations.** We share the joy of Will and Tori Shaffer at the recent birth of their first child, a son, Samuel. All are well !! God's richest blessings

**Council has hired musician Kevin Freaney** to hold the position of Office Administrative Assistant, in addition to his Minister of Music position, which began 11/18, for a 3 month trial. Office hours will remain the same: Mondays through Thursdays, 9 am through Noon.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the **First Annual Grace Beer Exchange.** On Sunday, January 26 from 2-4:00, reserve time for a fun afternoon of exchanging some great beers. Light lunch will be served and a few surprise activities will be planned. Details will follow shortly. For questions about the event, contact Lou Farrell or Frank Stone Sr. You will be well stocked for the Super Bowl the following week.

**UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

**YOGA (Hatha) CLASS** continues on Wednesdays. Through **12/11/19** from 6:30-7:30 pm. All-levels. Poses and sequences will work on using all parts of the body. This will be suitable for those with some yoga experience but also for anyone with little to none. The goal is to work on strength and flexibility gradually while gaining an ability to focus on breath and awareness. \$5/class, ages 16 and up. An Exercise mat is needed. Questions call Kathy Stawasz.

**Attendance:** 11/24/2019 – 8:00am- **24** , 10:30am - **49**  
**General Fund** - \$2,253.00     **Capital Fund** - \$590.00

----- **TODAY'S SERVING VOLUNTEERS** -----

<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00 am Walter Family 10:30 am Jayson Tula & Wyeth Slugg
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00 am Wendy Walter 10:30am Kay Stone & Tami Sarm
<b>Comm. Assistant</b>	8:00 am David Kunkel 10:30am Joyce Salter
<b>Council Sender &amp; Offering counter</b>	Bob Smyrl and Kay Deussing
<b>Lector</b>	8:00 am Kitty Heckler 10:30 am – Carol MacDonald
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am Walter Family 10:30 am Harold Schaefer & Rich Woltmann
<b>Greeter</b>	8:00 am Peggy Schmidt 10:30 – Dale & Mary Jane Moyer
<b>Nursery:</b>	Kathy Stawasz & helper
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Harold Schaefer

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Jean Shaffer in honor of her son's birthday, Will Shaffer.

The **Eternal Flame** is sponsored by the Walter Family in honor of Ken and Nancy Sellers' Anniversary

**This Week at Grace**

Sunday	December 1
8:00am	Worship/Communion -
9:15am	SCS
10:30am	Worship/Communion
11:30am	Decorate Tree F/H
12:30-pm	Korean Church
6:00pm	Cub Pack 510 F/H
Tuesday	December 3
7:00pm	Stitchers M/R
Wednesday	December 4
10:00am	WELCA
11:00am	Bible Study
6:30am	Yoga F/H
Thursday	December 5
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	December 7
3:00pm	Pet Photo w/ Santa
5:00pm	Hatfield Tree Lighting / crafts & food
Sunday	December 8
9:15am	Worship
10:30	TLT events follows worship
12:30pm	Korean Church
6:00pm	Cub Pack 510 F/H

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.*

**Grace-Full Questions for the First Sunday of Advent**

1. Happy New Year! This week we begin our new Church year with the start of Advent. What are your hopes and prayers for Grace as we begin a new year? For yourself and your loved ones?
2. Readings from the prophet Isaiah help us to understand Advent this year. In Advent we meditate on all the promises of God that are not yet fulfilled. For what do you especially long when you look at our world and God's creation?
3. In the gospel this week, we hear that the end could come like a thief in the night: keep awake! About what in your life do you feel you need to keep vigilant?

Many families experience stresses and strain over the holidays that are hard to discuss openly amidst all the cheer and public gratitude – griefs, conflict, loneliness, addiction and holidays that don't meet our hopes and expectations. *If you have a special concern you'd like Pr. Peterman to pray about over this holiday time, write a note and place it in her church office box before you leave worship today (or send her an email before 5 pm on Wednesday: [pastorgracehatfield@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgracehatfield@gmail.com))*

*If you'd ever want to talk more fully about any of these Grace-Full questions with Pr. Peterman, you're invited to Bible study... or to schedule an appointment with her for conversation.*

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**In Our Prayers:**

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 Margaret Stangl, Lisa Kane, Pastor Lee (Phila. Korean Church)  
 Andy Armstrong (Friend of the MacDonald's) Diane Graham  
 Miller(Friend of the Walter Family) Cindy Mancuso  
 Jessica Murphy who was recently deployed to Qatar(Joan  
 Amundsen's granddaughter-in-law and Liana Murphy's Aunt  
**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); Shannon Ryan; Chip and Anne Wood; John C.  
 Stalder (Bruce Schmidt's uncle); Ralph Buffone*