



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

**Grace Lutheran Church
December 22nd – Fourth 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.

The Altar Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and sponsored by: Mabel Hoepel, in loving memory of her husband, Carl. Barbara Watts, in honor of her sister, Beverly Watts' birthday.

Advent Candle lighting this week:

8:00am, Ken & Karen Seiler, 10:30am, Tom & Joyce Salter

Christmas Caroling, today after 10:30am worship. Please join our members who travel locally to homebound members, bringing the spirit of Christmas joy through music of the season's favorite carols. See Pastor Peterman if you are able to drive. Light sandwiches in Fellowship Hall before we go out. Please meet there.

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.

END OF YEAR / OFFICE INFO

NEXT SUNDAY'S GRACE NOTES will be printed **Monday morning, DEC 23RD**. If you have anything for Grace Notes to be included for December 29th, that information must be received by Monday, Dec 23rd 9am. Email the office if you have anything or call to leave a message (215-855-4676). graceassistant40@gmail.com
Thank you

Email... are you not receiving Grace Notes through email OR having trouble opening your email from our church office? Please let us know if you have an email address that has changed or if you need help or have a question about being on Grace's email list. Kevin would be the person to help you with that.

Holiday Office Hours. Please refer to the Calendar on the backside of Grace notes "calendar" section

End of year contributions must be received by Monday, Dec 31st, either in the church mailbox or office. If you mail something, it must be post marked by Dec. 31st, 2019.

Committee Leaders: Annual Reports ... Due Monday morning, January 6th to the church office (digital form).

THANK YOUs...

... from the *The Giving in Service Team* for helping to make the **Adopt-a-Family** project a success. All the wishes of our three families were granted!! Even a few extra gifts were shared. Thanks to your generosity the families will enjoy a Christmas filled with joy and blessings. Thrivent Financial helped with our project by donating \$250 for extra shopping! A **BIG** thank you to our team of expert organizers who helped to get the gifts ready for delivery to our families.

... **for your contributions to the Angel Boxes.** We packed total of 90 boxes this year! Oak Park elementary school appreciated your generosity.

... **to In Reach and WELCA** for their gift.. much appreciated - Cindy Mancuso

... **from MC Reilly**

Last year, I received an SOS call from my daughter asking me where to find Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve. The family nativity set was missing Baby Jesus and her son wanted Baby Jesus in the manger.

The Spirit of Christmas was very evident in Hatfield this year. We didn't have to look very far to find the love of Baby Jesus because it was right here. The donations were very generous to the Angel Boxes, and with your help we were able to fill 90 boxes with nonperishables for 65 families at Oak Park Elementary School, and the additional boxes went to local families who benefitted from this gift.

Thank you for your continued generous support and gifts helping those who need a hand up and not a hand out. Thank you to all of the helping hands filling the boxes and delivering them to the schools. It was truly an act of great love.

Merry Christmas and God Bless you all

Grace Lutheran Church "**Christmas Tree ornaments**" are available in the narthex on the table. Please take one.

2020 Serving Schedule - A copy of the 2020 serving schedule is in the narthex. Please pick up your copy. Your name is highlighted and they are sorted by first name. Thanks again for serving!!!! Questions contact Kathy Stawasz

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 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!

Homosexuality, Biblical Texts, Ministry Site Profile Decisions

Council has set 2 dates for the conversations that Pr. Peterman will lead in January (See the November Parish News for a fuller discussion or speak with Pastor or Peggy Schmidt if you need more information.) The content of both sessions will be the same. You are encouraged to participate, to listen, and to speak about how these issues matter to you. Sunday, January 12th (bad weather date 1/19) 11:30 - 2:00 (light lunch provided) Wednesday, January 15th 10 - 12:30 (refreshments & light lunch)

MLK Day of Service Site Clean Up 1/20/20 10am - 3pm
 Looking for something to do on MLK Day of Service 2020. Join members of Grace Lutheran Church and the Hatfield community in helping clean up the Pottstown Recycling Center (365 Elm Street, Pottstown PA). Arrive at 10am and stay until you get too cold (dress accordingly) or hungry! If you have good Vegetation Shears and/or heavy duty rakes, please bring them along.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Cinderella (Rodgers & Hammerstein) coming soon to Lansdale United Methodist Church. Presented by The Laymen Playmen, Inc. February 6-9 and February 13-16. TICKETS can be purchased at www.laymenplaymen.org Benefits the Hatfield Pastors' Fund. Members of our congregation are participating!

YOGA (Hatha) CLASS will resume in January on the 8th. All-levels. Questions call Kathy Stawasz 215-760-6297.

Attendance: 12/15/2019 - 8:00am: 21 / 10:30am: 49
General Fund - \$3298.00 **Capital Fund** - \$295.00

----- **TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** -----
Altar Guild 8:00am Wendy Walter
 10:30am Kay Stone and Tami Sarm
Comm. Assistant 8:00am David Kunkel
 10:30am Bob Reilly
Lector 8:00am Kitty Heckler
 10:30am Laura Slugg
Acolyte 8:00am Dave Kunkle
 10:30am Seth & Gianna Herculini
Ushers 8:00am Peggy and Bruce Schmidt
 10:30am Kay Stone & Jeff Krout
Greeters 8:00am Peggy Schmidt
 10:30am Tracey Frick
Nursery: Jamie Snyder & Helper
Flower Delivery Mary Catherine Reilly
Council Sender & Offering counter Bob Smyrl
 and Kay Deussing
 There are no Sponsors for the Bulletin or the Eternal Flame this week.

This Week at Grace

Sunday	December 22
8:00am	Worship
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship (followed by Caroling)
12:30pm	Korean Church
Monday	December 23 (Office open 9-12)
Tuesday	December 24
4:00pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
9:00pm	Christmas Eve Service with Choir
Thursday	December 26 (Office briefly open 11-12)
Sunday	December 29
9:15am	Service of Lessons and Carols
Monday	December 30 (Office open 10-12)
Tuesday	December 31 (Office open 10-12)
Thursday	January 2 (Office open 10-12)

Pr. Peterman will be out of the office December 26th-27th. For pastoral emergencies, call Joyce Salter 215-855-3045 who will be able to connect you with a pastor on call.

Grace-Full Questions for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
 1. The child shall be called Immanuel, that is, "God-with-us." Where are you especially grateful for God's presence?
 2. The psalmist prays: *Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (80:3)* Where do you seek the light of God's face?
 3. Joseph faced a difficult decision, but found guidance through the Holy Spirit. Are there difficult decisions you also place into God's hands this week? May God bless your struggles!

FIRST ANNUAL GRACE BEER EXCHANGE will be held on Sunday, January 26 from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. SIGN-UP NOW by completing the Registration Form available in the narthex and placing it in the basket provided along with you \$50 check payable to Grace Lutheran Church. Sign-ups close on January 12! Your \$50 includes a case of a variety of CRAFT beers, a light meal (prepared by Lou Farrell) and snacks during the exchange, and a "tasting" flight of beers during the exchange.

We will also be doing a service project to benefit The Welcome Church which serves the homeless community in Philadelphia. Please bring at least one pair of new socks with you to the exchange for this project.

This is a community event and you are encouraged to invite friends and family who are not members of Grace. They just need to register and pay the \$50 fee to participate. Couples are welcome to attend as a couple and pay just one fee unless they each want their own case of beer, in which case please pay for two registrations.

Questions. Contact Frank Stone Sr:

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 Elijah Krout, Beth Brown, Xavier Jackson, Gerry Mason
 Joe Hopkins, Doug Boldon, Carol Buffone,
 Cassi Lambert, Kristopher Yoder, Annette Beyer
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 Mandie and Emmett, Bill Shaffer, Ron and Karen Hudson, 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),
 Andrea Roney, Arline Kratz,*

Kevin Freaney and Chris Snyder, who will be married next Saturday in a small ceremony at Grace with their immediate families by Pr. Peterman: God's richest blessing on your new life together! (Worship and Music will host a coffee hour in their honor in the New Year)

For all who grieve, including: *The family and friends of Charles' Roney's mother; Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Shannon Ryan; Chip and Anne Wood; John C. Stalder (Bruce Schmidt's uncle); Ralph Buffone, Gail Constanzer (Shirley Yoder's sister-in-law)*