



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

**Grace Lutheran Church
December 29nd – First Sunday of Christmas**

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: Richard R. Badman, in honor of the birthday of his son, Derik, Barbara Watts, in honor of Grace Church members.

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.*

CHURCH OFFICE

NEXT SUNDAY'S GRACE NOTES WILL BE PRINTED EARLY ON MONDAY, DEC 30th. If you have anything for Grace Notes to be included for January 5th, that information must be received by Monday, Dec 30th 9am. Just email the office if you have any updates or call to leave a message (215-855-4676). Thank you.
graceassistant40@gmail.com

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 Hours. The office will be closed on New Year's day. In the event of urgent need, please contact Pastor Peterman or you can reach out to Joyce Salter 215-855-3045.

Prayer Booklets "The Word in Season" and the December issue of "Living Lutheran" are available in the narthex and the office.

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

Joan Amundsen, a member of Grace who is good at many things, whose handiwork graces the sanctuary with the Star banner, is also a writer of inspirational materials. One of her pieces appears in the 2020 anthology of *The Lutheran Message*, a publication not affiliated with any particular synod, seeking to provide inspirational and uplifting articles and poems for all who share the Lutheran family name. Copies are available on the window sill in the narthex. Help yourself!

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!

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.

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.

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.

Attendance: 12/22/2019 - 8:00am: 20 / 10:30am: 62
General Fund - \$ 5,858.00 **Capital Fund** - \$ 1,455.00

----- TODAY'S 9:15am WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS -----

Altar Guild	Tami Sarm
Comm. Assistant	Dave Kunkle
Acolyte	Dan Sarm
Ushers	Dan and Tami Sarm
Greeters	Kay Deussing
Flower Delivery	Kathy Stawasz
Council Sender & Offering counter	Bob Smyrl and Kay Deussing

Sponsor for the Eternal Flame Candle is Kitty Heckler, in memory of her parents. On Dec 24th, Kitty sponsors the Eternal flame in memory of her family. (There were no bulletin sponsors)

This Week at Grace

Sunday	December 29
9:15am	Lessons and Carols / Communion
12:30pm	Korean Church
Sunday	January 5th
8:00am	Worship / Communion
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship / Communion
12:30pm	Korean Church
6:00pm	Cub Pack 510 F/H

Grace-Full Questions for the First Sunday after Christmas

1. We gather for lessons, carols and to share communion this Sunday. What is your favorite Christmas carol?
2. Can you name a moment of Christmas so far, from Christmas Eve through this morning, that was grace-filled for you? What was it and why?
3. Who did you miss in your Christmas gathering this year? Are you separated by miles or eternity?

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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 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 were married yesterday 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; Ralph Buffone, Gail Constanzer (Shirley Yoder's sister-in-law); Frank "Chick" Mascaro (Jerry's brother); Millie Anderson; Arline Kratz; Marilyn Homan; Millie Anderson.