

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

Grace Lutheran Church January 5th – Epiphany

SUNDAY MORNING & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

<u>Nursery area</u>: 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. Badmann, in honor of the birthday of his son, Derik and 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.

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.

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

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)

Game Night is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th from 5 pm - 8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Meatball Sandwiches will be provided, but please bring sides, chips and desserts. The plan is for everyone to bring your favorite Board Game or Card Game! We might try a large group game too! Questions? Contact Laura Slugg

Thank you Grace members, and WELCA.. for the kind Christmas cards and Holiday wishes.. from Jean Goetter ("mama Jean"). She wishes everyone a Happy New Year

Thank you Grace members, and WELCA. for the Christmas cards, gifts and flowers, and for warm wishes on my recent marriage. Your Minister of Music.. Kevin

2020 Serving Schedule – A copy of the 2020 serving schedule is in the narthex. <u>Please pick up your copy.</u> 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.

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 your \$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. on 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 contact Kathy Stawasz.

Attendance: 12/24/2019 - 4:00pm, 126 9:00pm, 70 **General Fund** - \$ 4,235.00 **Capital Fund** - \$ 550.00

Attendance: 12/29/2019 - 9:15am, 37

Lectors

General Fund - \$ 1,008.00 **Capital Fund** - \$ 275.00

----- TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS -----

Altar Guild 8am, Janice Swartz

10:30am, Emily & Rich Woltman

Comm. Assistant 8am, Joanne Moyer 10:30am, Bob Reilly

8am, Kitty Heckler

Acolyte 10:30am, Betty Murray 8am, Ken Seiler

10:30am, Kay & Sammy Stone

Ushers 8am, Ken Seiler & Bob Smyrl

10:30am, The Kaler Family

Greeters 8am, Janice Swartz

10:30am, Dan & Tami Sarm

Nursery Jamie Kaler & Crystal Tula

Flower Delivery Lori Pluda
Council Sender & Laura Kratz
Offering counter and Carol MacDonald

Sponsor for the Eternal Fame Candle is the Walter Family, in honor of Ken and Nancy Seller's Anniversary. (There are no bulletin sponsors)

This Week at Grace

Sunday, Jan 5th	
8:00am	Worship / Communion
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship / Communion
12:30pm	Korean Church
6:00pm	Cub Pack 510 F/H
Monday, Jan 6 th	TLT M/R
6:30pm Tuesday, Jan 7 th 7pm	Stitchers M/R
7:15pm	Communications F/H
Wednesday, Jan 8 th 10:30am	WELCA M/R
6:30pm	TLT M/R
6:30pm	YOGA F/H
Thursday, Jan 9 th 6:30pm	Scout Pack 510
Friday, Jan 10 th 5:30pm	Wedding prep
Saturday, Jan 11 th 11am	Wedding
Sunday, Jan 12th	January 5th
8:00am	Worship / Communion
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship
12:30pm	Korean Church

Grace-Full Questions for the First Sunday after Christmas

- 1. In the stretch of these days of Christmas, where have you felt the presence of Emmanuel, God-with-us?
- 2. The Christmas Story is completed this week with the visit of the magi. (Matthew 2:1-12). What gift do you have that you can offer at the feet of the Christ Child for his use in this coming year?
- 3. The presence of a child foretold of old frightened Herod. How might the Christ Child frighten the powers that be in our own time?

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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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; Jerry Mascaro's brother, Frank