

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

Grace Lutheran Church February 2nd – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

SUNDAY MORNING

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 Lori Pluda in recognition of Groundhog Day Birthday (Feb 2nd) and also by Harold Schaefer in memory of his father, Harold Schaefer, Sr.

The Eternal Flame Candle and the Bulletin have no sponsors this week

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.

Congratulations

Pastor Janet
Peterman
on her 39th
anniversary of
ordination on
January 31st.



Office Calendar: If you or your group would please email the church office if there are things to be included on the calendar for the next 2-3 months. (This includes regularly scheduled meeting.) email: **graceassistant40@gmail.com**

Homosexulaity Study, Chance for Feedback

Deadline for feedback this Sunday, Feb 2nd

48 people took part in the two sessions of the Bible study Pastor Peterman offered on January 12th and 15th. We understand that some people were not able to make either date, and might like to read the study materials and comment. We have compiled sets of the material with the response forms. Instructions for how to fill out the forms are on the top of the material. Find the packets on the windowsill in the narthex. To be included in the material

the Council considers, the forms needs to be signed and returned to Pastor Peterman's church mail box by Sunday, February 2nd. No names will be included in the summary statement sent to the congregation.

H3C: "Sharing the Love" Clothing Drive

Mitzvah Circle Foundation is in immediate need of children's clothing especially boys' clothes. The H3C is sponsoring a clothing drive throughout the month of February. Please bring your donations to church of gently used, clean clothes or new clothing for girls and boys sizes 3-16/18. Help us "share the love" of clothing to needy children in our community.

Laurel House Valentine's Day Project

Please drop off your gifts by Sunday, February 9th

The Giving in Service Team invites you to support our Valentine's Day Project. We will be collecting items for the women and children of Laurel House. This agency provides shelter, care and counseling for abused women and children of Montgomery County. Please check out the display in the narthex and pick up a wish list of items needed for Laurel House. Consider adding one or two of these items to your shopping list.



Based on the Hebrew word, "hallelu yah", meaning "Praise the Lord," Alleluia has been a word of great praise to God in the life of the church and was prominent in early Christian

liturgies. Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent in the Western church, singing or saying the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during Lent's forty days. This period of individual and congregational reflection on the quality of our baptismal faith and life suggests that the joyful nature of alleluia is more appropriately reserved for our Easter celebrations when it is given full and jubilant voice.

We invite children and the congregation to color an Alleluia and place it in the box, and on Transfiguration Sunday (Feb. 23rd) they will be "Locked UP!" BOOM. The treasure chest will remain near the pulpit. Then on Easter Sunday these Alleluias will be released and hung up all over the church and we then can sing and shout Alleluia with much joy and gusto!

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!!! Alleluia!!!!!

Movie Matinee February 23rd. 12-3pm. The Christian Connections Team invites you to a movie matinee after worship. We will provide soup, bread and drinks for lunch, you bring the sides and desserts. We will also provide popcorn for snacking during the movie. Movie will be appropriate for all ages. Suggestions Welcome, but we were thinking about Godspell or Abbot and Costello?

Cinderella (Rodgers & Hammerstein)

Show Dates for 2020- Feb. 6-9 and 13-16 Lansdale United Methodist Church Presented by The Laymen Playmen, Inc.

TICKETS can be purchased at www.laymenplaymen.org Benefits the Hatfield Pastors' Fund. Members of our congregation are participating! Offering Envelopes for 2020 available in the narthex. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. Please take your envelopes with you.

Devotional Material Available: The Lutheran Message

Joan Amundsen, known to many of us for her beautiful banners around the building (Noah's ark in Fellowship Hall, the star in the sanctuary, as just two examples!) is also a published author of devotional materials. She shared with us about lovely annual resource available called The Lutheran Message, which provides inspirational and uplifting articles and poems for all who share the Lutheran "family name." They are not affiliated with any particular Lutheran synod and operation with complete editorial and financial freedom. This year Joan has a piece published in the 2019-20 publication. Copies are available on the window sill in the narthex if you'd like one.

YOGA (Hatha) CLASS, 6:30pm-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. All-levels. \$5 per class. Questions contact Kathy Stawasz.

Last Week

Attendance: 8am, 20 10:30am, 61

General Fund - \$ 1868.00 Capital Fund - \$ 197.56

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

Altar Guild 8am, June Detweiler

10:30am, Mary Jane & Dale Moyer

Comm. Assistant 8am, Joanne Moyer

10:30am, Lori Pluda

Lectors 8am, Dave Kunkel

(Additional Lector at the Gospel: Charlie Roney)

10:30am, Beth Krout

(Additional Lector at the Gospel: Richard Badman)

Acolyte 8am, Bob Smyrl

10:30am, Jayson Tula & Wyeth Slugg

Ushers 8am, Ken Seiler & Bob Smyrl

10:30am, Carol & Paul MacDonald

Greeters 8am, Peggy Schmidt

10:30am, Karen Heacock

Nursery Kay Stone and Micah Slugg Flower Delivery Jeff & Beth Krout

Council Sender & Laura Kratz

Offering counter and Carol MacDonald

This Week at Grace

Sunday, Jan 26 th	
8:00am	Worship / Communion
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship
12:30pm	Korean Church
6:00pm	Cub Scout Pack 510 F/H
Tuesday, Feb 4th	
7:00pm	Stitchers F/H
Wednesday, Feb 5th	
10:00am	WELCA
6:30pm	YOGA
Thursday, Feb 6th	
6:30pm	Cub Pack 510

Grace-Full Questions for today

- 1. The readings before us this week, especially Micah 6:8 (do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God) and the gospel (the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew chapters 5-7) provide guidance for faithful living. How would you answer if asked, "In a sentence, how would you express how your faith asks you to live?"
- 2. The apostle Paul calls Christ "the power of God and the wisdom of God." (I Corinthians 1:24) Where do you see wisdom today?
- 3. How are those who mourn blessed? (Matthew 5:4) 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 Thanksgiving for Healing:

Elijah Krout and Pastor Lee (Phila. Korean Church)

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; Barbara Masser (Ray's wife); Joan Lattanze

For all who serve other, including those in active duty, deployed oversee and their families:

Matthew Smyrl; Jessica Murphy (Joan Amundsen's granddaughter-in-law and Liana Murphy's aunt.)