

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

Grace Lutheran Church February 16th – Sixth 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 Pam Matolicz in memory of Bill and Peg Weaver's wedding Anniversary and also by Richard Badman in honor of the birthday of his grandson, Dermot

The Eternal Flame Candle is sponsored this week by Dale and Mary Jane Moyer in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Bulletin Sponsored this week by Tom and Joyce Salter in honor of February Birthdays for Gus, George and Kristen

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.

Thank you

The Giving in Service Team would like to thank the congregation for supporting our Laurel House project. Your gifts will provide needed supplies for the women and children cared for by the Laurel House staff. Special thanks to Laura Slugg for delivering our gifts to Laurel House. This agency provides shelter, care and counseling for abused women and children of Montgomery County.

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.

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?

ALLELUIA ... LOCK UP... 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!!!!!

Bear Creek Camp is all about teaching kids about God's



love through experiencing nature, and learning how to work together as a group accepting and affirming all people, flaws and all. Tell your friends and neighbors about this amazing place.

Questions? Laura Slugg

Pastor Peterman will be out of the office next week from Wednesday through Sunday (2/19-23/20).

Chaplain Carl Wenzel from the Lutheran Home at Telford will be with us on Sunday, February 23rd -- Grace is one of the home's supporting congregations.

For pastoral emergencies while Pastor Peterman is away, call the church office during office hours 215-855-4676, who will contact the pastors on call.

Ashes to Go / Ash Wednesday

Grace's Ash Wednesday worship schedule:

Wednesday, February 26th, noon and 7:30 pm

Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes for those who desire to receive them

WELCA will serve a soup lunch in Fellowship Hall following the noon service.

Pastor Peterman will also be offering Ashes to Go in the sanctuary at Stepping Stones drop off and pick up times as an outreach to school and community families, at the following times. (Congregation members who can't make one of the full Ash Wednesday services are welcome for the more abbreviated reception of ashes):

8:00 - 9:15 am Ashes to Go 9:15 am School Chapel (Grace members are also welcome to visit here!)

11:15 - 11:45 am Ashes to Go **Noon Worship** 4:00 - 5:15 pm Ashes to Go **7:30 pm Worship**

Parents may come alone after drop off or before pick up, or with their children before drop off or after pick up. Children may receive ashes, or just a blessing. Pastor will also offer prayer, should you desire it. Enter either by the parking lot door with the few stairs, that will be unlocked, or by the entrance under the canopy (office and Stepping Stones entrance) where someone will let you in to go to the sanctuary where Pastor will have the ashes.

We thank Kevin Freaney for holding the Office Administrator position since Kathie left in mid-November. Kevin's focus is his role as Minister of Music at Grace however he is unable to continue as office admin at this time. He carried us through a very busy schedule in December and made some nice upgrades to our bulletin and to Grace Notes. We're in the hiring process now for an Office Administrator (part time, M-Th, 9-noon; speak with Peggy Schmidt or Pastor Peterman if you want to know more about the position or if you have someone to recommend).

Offering Envelopes for 2020 available in the narthex. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. Please take your envelopes with you.

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

Last Week

Attendance: 8am, 14 10:30am, 59 **General Fund -** \$ 1249.00 **Capital Fund -** \$ 300.00

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

Altar Guild 8am, June Detweiler
Comm. Assistant 8am, David Kunkel

Lectors 8am, (sub for Andrea Roney)

10:30am, Frank Stone II

Acolyte 8am, Ken Seiler

10:30am, Olivia & Sammy Stone

Ushers 8am, Peggy & Bruce Schmidt

10:30am, Kaler Family

Greeters 8am, Ken & Karen Seiler

10:30am, Kay Deussing

Nursery Kerry & Linday Stone

Flower Delivery Carol MacDonald

Council Sender & Peggy Schmidt
Offering counter and Kay Deussing

This Week at Grace

Sunday, Feb 16th	News articles due
8:00am	Worship / Communion
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship
12:30pm	Korean Church
6:30pm	Cub Scout Pack 510 F/H
Monday, Feb 17 th	Stepping Stones Closed
Tuesday, Feb 18 th 7:00pm	Council M/R
Wednesday, Feb 19 th 6:30pm	YOGA F/H
(Wednesday-Monday) Pastor Peterman away	Feb 19 – Feb 23
Thursday, Feb 20 th 10:00am	H3C M/R
6:30pm	Cub Scout Pack 510 F/H
7:00pm	Choir practice in Sanctuary

Grace-Full Questions for today

- 1. As we continue our series on the Sermon on the Mount, we encounter some quite challenging words from Jesus before us this week (Matthew 5:21-37). What do you do when you hear difficult commands in the Bible like Jesus' words against anger, insults and lust?
- 2. All of the related scripture passages on these Sundays where the gospel has been part of the Sermon on the Mount have been passages that extol God's Law/commands. Do you find the guidance of the Law helpful, or do you find yourself rebelling against it?
- 3. In Deuteronomy, we hear about following God's commands as choosing life over death. As you look over your life, are there choices you have made that you know were either life-giving or the opposite?

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:

John Fischer, Bob Kaler, Marilyn Homan, Wendy Amparano, Suzanne Colville, Pam Matolicz, Paige Haldeman, Nancy Sellers, Laura Cooper, Liz Bauer, Beth Brown, Xavier Jackson, Gerry Maso, Joe Hopkins, Doug Boldon, Carol Buffone, Cassi Lambert, Kristopher Yoder, Annette Beyer, Dorene Bobb, Keira Drissel, Cindy Kunkel, Mandie and Emmett, Ron and Karen Hudson, Lisa Kane, Andy Armstrong (Friend of the MacDonald's), Diane Graham, Miller(Friend of the Walter Family), Cindy Mancuso, Anne Lewis, Joyce Salter, Jim Pluda, John and Bonnie Stangl, Ken Seiler, Sr (Ken's dad), Terry Stringfellow, friend of Dale and Mary Jane Moyer

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; Family of Samuel Barndt, cousin of Andrea Roney

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.) Robert McNulty (Active duty in the Marines, basic training)