####  To Glorify God,

**To Grow in Faith**

**To Give in Service**

**Together in Christ**

***Grace Lutheran Church***

***March 22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent***

***SUNDAY MORNING***

***Welcome to Grace! We are not able to gather in person during these days of limited social interactions as we seek to work together as a community to limit the spread of the Covid-19 virus. But we are still the Church together and held in God’s almighty hands.***

We believe it likely that the prohibition against gatherings of more than 10 people is going to last longer than this next week. If so, we are making plans to bring our worship service to you, beginning with Sunday, March 29th. Watch for a letter describing how you’ll be able to access “Grace at Home.”

**Worship this coming Sunday, March 22nd:**

Member Joan Amundsen, who is no longer able to get out easily, recommends Bethany Lutheran Church in Virginia (a Missouri Synod congregation), which she watches online each Sunday morning:

 twitch.tv/videos/567770539

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton, a sister congregation in the Indian Valley cluster, has begun live-streaming their worship services. Find them at:

 [www.emmanuellutheranchurch.net](http://www.emmanuellutheranchurch.net)

(You have to have a Facebook account to view this. It is live-streamed and begins at 10 am. You will be asked to sign in to your own FB account after going to the church’s home page.)

**The Eternal Flame Candle** is given this week to the glory of God by Lori Pluda in memory of her uncle Hillmar Bittner.

*Remember the flame, even when you cannot see it! It is a sign of the presence of Christ with us, always.*

**Dedications are open for the Eternal Flame** **Candle** on the following Sundays: 4/12, 4/19; 5/3, 10, 17, 24

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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.*

**Bear Creek Camp Gala & Literature Basket** [bearcreekcamp.org/gala](http://bearcreekcamp.org/gala) Date: April 18, 2020

 Anyone who loves Bear Creek Camp is welcome to attend the Gala! This year all monies raised will support the Campership Fund which makes sure that no child is turned away from God’s love because their family can’t afford it. Highlights of the evening have included hearing about the love of camp from staff members and members of the camp Board of Directors, exciting live auction bidding wars for floor seats at a Billy Joel concert and beautiful professional photography of camp, dancing the evening away to great music provided by a DJ.

**Rice Bowl Project continues through April 5th:**

During the Lenten Season you have the opportunity to help others through our **Rice Bowl** project. **In your offering envelope box, special envelopes are provided for each of the Sundays in Lent.** Envelopes are also available at the Rice Bowl Display in the narthex.

We invite you to hold onto your Rice Bowl offerings until we can next be together, or to send them in with your other offerings, if you will be sending them in. (See note about offerings on the reverse side.

The *Giving in Service Team*

**Thanks Received**

Grace Lutheran,

The Family of Joan Lattanze will always remember your

 kindness and sympathy. Thank you for all your help.

 Paul Plawa

**Just this Week: Yoga** hopes to re-convene on April 1st.

Stay tuned! Questions? Call Kathy Stawasz.

 **Midweek Lenten Services**

 at Hatfield Churches

A Series about Faith based on Hebrews 11

*Unfortunately, the rest of the series had to be cancelled. Your offerings for the Hatfield Pastors’ Fund will be received gratefully when you are next able to be present here at Grace, or when you send them in, as part of your support for Grace’s ministries.*

**But our Lenten journey continues…**

 **For those who would like the support of**

 **others in prayer:**

**Dial-a-Prayer: each evening at 6:45 pm**

 *NOTE the time change*. Many people are using these alternate

Networks now and we needed to move off the hour to allow more people onto the prayer call.

Call in at 6:45: 515-604-9737

When asked for an access code: 306-742

We invite you to join us! No experience necessary.

**For those who are hungry in this time:**

There is a **drive up-take out lunch for Senior Citizens** Monday to Friday, 11:30-12:30 or so at Encore Experiences, 312 Alumni Avenue, Harleysville. Any cash donation is acceptable.

**Food Pantry Distribution continues at EEC and Church of the Brethren**

The next two distribution times for the Church of the Brethren are Saturday morning, 3/21, 10-11 am, but volunteers arrive at 8 am, and people coming for food will be allowed to receive early; and Monday, 3/23, at 6:30 pm with volunteers arriving at 4:30.

If possible, email hatfieldfoodbank@yahoo.com in advance for an appointment. (1333 Cowpath)

The food pantry at Emmanuel EEC (100 S Main Street)

Open next:

 Thursday, March 26th, 12:45-2:15

 Monday, April 6th, 10 am - noon

**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.

**Literature Raffle Basket** – If you can’t attend the camp gala but would still like to support this awesome place, please bring in a new copy of your favorite book of the year, or other literature related items. If someone would be able to donate a basket as well it would be wonderful. Items due by April 10th. Questions? Laura Slugg

**Worship Opportunity on Good Friday**

The Welcome Church observes Good Friday (4/10; gather at 11:45 for noon start) annually through a walking of the “traditional” Stations of the Cross, in a route through Suburban Station, beginning in the area outside of the restrooms in “Section A” of Suburban Station.  Stations are chosen by the members of the Welcome Church congregation and have special meaning to the group. This service is a stirring, humbling, spiritual experience. There are readings and songs. You haven’t lived until you hear Hazelita sing *Were You There* in the Tombs.

You are invited to join us. Maybe we can all meet for the train ride to Center City. Any questions, please contact Lou Farrell.

**Benefit Days at Hometown Family Restaurant for the Lutheran Community at Telford Auxiliary**

Postponed until later notice

**Raffle Baskets** have also been postponed to a later time.

**Last Week**

**Lent II, 3/15/20**

**Attendance:** 8am, 0 10:30am, 0

**General Fund** - $ 1,295.00 **Capital Fund** - $ 50.00

**Rice Bowl** - $ 25.00

**Notice:** We were not able to gather in person, but some sent their offerings. We understand that suddenly the economy is turned up-side-down. Perhaps your household economy is, as well. Let us know if there are some ways we can help, and we will try!

If you are able, please also remember Grace in this time. Offerings are being received in the locked church mail box on the side of the building near the main entrance. Or you may mail them in to our address (see the right-hand column). We receive all your gifts we gratitude and joy!

**This Week at Grace**

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| Sunday, March 22nd  |  |
|  | No public gatherings again this week: We’ll keep you posted. |
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**Easter Candy Donations** are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please place small wrapped candy, suitable to fill a plastic egg, in the basket in the Narthex.

March 29 is the last day to bring candy (no peanuts or nuts, please.)

**Adult helpers** are needed to fill hundreds of Easter Eggs, Sunday March 29, 9-10 AM, in the Meeting room.

Bunny ears optional.🐰

**Easter Egg Hunt** at Grace will be held Saturday April 4 at 2PM for Toddlers to sixth grade children.

Activities include story, craft egg hunt and refreshments. Rain or shine.

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***Regular Office Hours will resume after the time of restricted social gatherings has concluded.***

***Email or call the office or Pr Peterman and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.***

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***In Our Prayers:***

*John Fischer, Bob Kaler, 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, Hazel Mascaro, Bob Yoder,*

*RJ Bernheiser*

***In Thanksgiving:***

*With Bob Yoder for his successful neck surgery this past week.*

***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; Marilynn 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)*