

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

Grace Lutheran Church March 29 – Fifth 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.

Grace Expands its Online Presence

For Sunday School:

Laura Slugg is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Virtual Sunday School Time: Mar 29, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://temple.zoom.us/j/980698205</u> Meeting ID: 980 698 205

For Worship:

Go online in any way (phone, tablet, computer with any browser). Go to <u>www.YouTube.com</u> In the search bar put Grace Hatfield Services. Regular Sunday services will be posted there each week by noon on Saturday and will stay available. Special services, like Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, will become available on those days. Here's the link for this Sunday's launch, to go to it directly, once it is available:

Link: <u>Grace Hatfield Services March 29 2020</u> Spread the word!

For Prayer each Evening:

At 6:45 pm, call 515-604-9737 When asked for an access code: 306-742 Different prayer leaders from among us each evening We've found that by moving the time off the hour more people are able to get onto this free conference call. If you get a busy signal, try again and let us know.

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

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 vou would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.*

Our Lenten Journey continues...

Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food...? Matthew 25:37

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.** Using a plain white envelope, writing your name, envelope *#*, if you have one, and Rice Bowl on it are fine.

We invite you to send your Rice Bowl offerings to the church with your other offerings (See note about offerings on the reverse side.) The *Giving in Service Team*

For EEC's Food Pantry

While we are all struggling with our isolation from friends and loved ones, there are many people in the Hatfield area who have the added burden of not being able to feed themselves and their families. Please consider picking up/ordering some additional items when you re-supply your home. We have 2 marked baskets outside Grace's main entrance doors (Stepping Stones entrance) where you can leave items as you are able. Your donations will be taken to the EEC food cupboard where they are continuing to offer food and household items to people in our community who need them. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

High priority items (we will update as we can):

- Boxed Plain Pasta
 - 1-2 lb. bags plain white rice (**not** "Minute")
- · Tomato Soup *including low sodium variety*
- · Canned olives, mushrooms, spinach, beets
- · Garbanzo beans (chickpeas)
- · Tuna in OIL
- · Peanut Butter, jelly
- · Canned meat and beef stew
- · Canned fruit or applesauce Large size
- · 100% fruit juice
 - Toilet paper (individually wrapped), paper towels, tissues
- · toothpaste
- · Laundry detergent
- · Body & hand wash
- · Cake mix and icing parings
- · Pancake mix / pancake syrup

We weep with those who weep...

We received word this week of the death on Friday, March 20th, of one of our homebound members, Joan Miller. Given the current restrictions, her funeral was a simple graveside service held in Tamaqua where her family is from, conducted by the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church there. Condolences may be sent to her daughter:

Cheryl Klauder, 7821 Corning Road Zionsville, PA 18902

We Invite you to Send your Offerings

In the last two weeks Grace has gone through a revolution of getting itself online while keeping its mission – of glorifying God, growing in Faith, and Giving in Service clearly in front of it. Across the congregation leaders and members are reaching out to each other, searching for ways to stay connected and to help, remembering our core mission of caring for others.

Now we invite you to remember Grace with your offerings, as you are able. If you are out for groceries or other supplies, or are dropping foodstuffs off for EEC's food pantry, you may place your offerings in Grace's locked mailbox, on the wall near the Stepping Stones Entrance. You may also send checks to Grace's address (on reverse).

We're exploring online giving options (more soon).

Physician Shows how to be Safe with Food Brought into Your House: A Resource available for you from INreach:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjDuwc9KBps &feature=emb_title

Safer food shopping techniques and safe handling techniques with take-out food

Food Pantry Distribution continues at EEC and Church of the Brethren For food through the Hatfield Church of the Brethren (1333 Cowpath), email <u>hatfieldfoodbank@yahoo.com</u> for an appointment.

The food pantry at Emmanuel EEC (100 S Main Street) Open next: Monday, April 6th, 10 am - noon

Cancellations, Suspensions and Postponements

The Easter Egg Hunt (4/4 at 2 pm) and the **Sunday School Seder** (3/29 during the Sunday School hour)

No Yoga until the Church re-opens. Stay tuned! Questions? Call Kathy Stawasz

The Gatherings of the Welcome Church, including worship on Good Friday, are suspended for now. Look at *Grace Notes* next week for a way we can support food needs among Philadelphia's homeless population, the people of the Welcome Church.

Bear Creek Camp Gala and Literature Raffle Basket (basket items were due 4/10; Gala was 4/18).

If you would like to make a contribution in lieu of the basket or Gala, please forward a check written to Bear Creek Camp to Laura Slugg.

Drive-up take-out lunch for Senior Citizens is no longer available at Encore Experiences.

Mitzvah Circle will be temporarily closed to the public for their move. They hope to reopen April 2nd at their new location for donations and volunteers:

2562 Boulevard of the Generals Norristown, PA 19403

Sunday, March 29th	
	No public gatherings yet this week: We'll keep you posted.

This Week at Grace

Leaders in this Week's Worship Service

Kevin, our Minister of Music, with Mary Catherine Reilly and Emily Woltmann from choir for the music

Production Team: Coordinated by Harold Schaefer (amazing! Thanks so much, Harold!) and John Stangl

Lector and Prayers: Bonnie Stangl

Preaching and Presiding: Pr Janet Peterman

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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

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; Samuel Barndt, cousin of Andrea Roney; Joan Miller

For all who serve others, including those on active duty, deployed overseas, 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)