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

Grace Lutheran Church
April 26 – Third Sunday of Easter

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.

Find Grace Online

For Worship:

Go online in any way (phone, tablet, computer with any browser). Go to www.YouTube.com Search for: Grace Hatfield Services Sunday services are posted each week by noon on Saturday and will stay available. Find the lessons & prayers on Grace's website. **Spread the word!**

For Sunday School:

We're holding Sunday school by Zoom. It's so good to see each other! Contact Laura Slugg for your personal invite (pj's are ok!)

The Eternal Flame Candle is given this week to the glory of God by Betty Murray in memory of her husband Bill on his birthday.

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: 5/10, 17, 24. Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday.

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.*

Food Ministries

Food Pantry Distribution and Contributions

The food pantry at *Emmanuel EEC* (100 S Main Street)
Open next: Thursday, April 30, 1:00 pm
and Tuesday, May 5, 5:30 pm
For food through the *Hatfield Church of the Brethren*, email hatfieldfoodbank@yahoo.com for an appointment.

Grace gathers non-perishable food items at our entrance in covered bins. As you are able, we invite you to pick up food for a meal or household supplies for a neighbor while you re-supply your own kitchen. (See the list on page 3.)

Old Goshenhoppen Reformed Church in Upper Salford has received 12,000 meals to distribute to those in need, made possible through PAVOAD and FEMA. No questions asked. This week distribution is on Friday from 3-6:30 pm.

PB & J Sandwiches

This week, among us, we made **315 sandwiches,** delivered with 2 flats of snack bags prepped by the people of St. John's Ambler. Something about this basic feeding has touched the soul of who we are at Grace. We continue: Sandwich Tuesdays for members of the Welcome Church and others living on the streets of Philadelphia.

- You make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on white bread and put them in ZIPLOC bags, 1 sandwich per bag. Use cheap white bread with gobs of PB and J. A loaf will get you nine sandwiches. Please consider buying two loaves.
- Make the kind of sandwiches that your Mom used to yell at you about. Load them up. We want to fill bellies.
- The cooler will be at the entrance to Grace all day each TUESDAY. Leave your donation in the labeled cooler sometime between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm
- Please email or text/call Lou to let him know how many sandwiches you made. He delivers Wednesday.

Students doing school at home: Do you need a project?

Face Masks!

Making Masks, Donating Mask Materials, Wearing Masks…
Liana Murphy is now offering members and friends of Grace masks for their own use, if they need them. Completed masks are available in the bin by Grace's entrance. If you do not yet have a face mask to wear when you are out in the community, you are welcome to choose one in the bin for yourself or a loved one.
We are still also receiving supplies (100% cotton only, ¼" elastic) and you are welcome to sew and bring masks to contribute to the effort. Contact Liana for more information.

Mother's Day Carnations!

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th

Our tradition at Grace is to remember our Mothers on **Mother's Day** by purchasing carnations.

Pink Carnations honor our mothers and **White** Carnations remember our mothers who are no longer with us. The funds from the sale of the carnations are shared with Laura House, a local shelter for those who are victims of domestic violence. The *Giving In Service Team* would like you to consider honoring or remembering your mothers by helping others in need. Forms are available in the April Parish News. Orders are due by **Sunday, May 3rd.**

How can you order carnations? Send the form from the *Parish News* to the church or drop it in the mailbox at Grace. (This mailbox is secure!) OR email Kay Stone with your order. What we need:

YOUR NAME

Number of WHITE Carnations and in Memory of _____ from____

Number of PINK carnations and in Honor of _____ from____

Each Carnation cost is $2.50. TOTAL= $_____

Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church – ***memo carnations***

If we do not have services at Grace on Mother's Day, a time for pick up at Grace will be in Grace Notes.

This Week at Grace

Sunday, April 26th **Noon to 4 pm** while supplies last **at Grace's parking lot**	3rd Sunday of Easter Distribution of seeds for Earth Day: Fact sheet on Pollinator gardens & seeds!
	No public gatherings yet this week
Saturday, 4/25 **noon**	Sunday worship posted online at noon See Grace's website for the lessons & prayers https://gracelutheranhatfield.org
Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** **Alleluia!**	www.YouTube.com Search: Grace Hatfield Services
Offerings?	Use the DONATE NOW button on our website. OR: Mail offerings into the office (address on 2nd page). We deposit weekly.
Sunday, May 3rd	4th Sunday of Easter Carnation Orders Due

Leaders in worship this week:

Music*: Beth Krout; Harold Schaefer; Lori Pluda and Frank Stone with Minister of Music Kevin*

Lectors and Prayers*: Beth and Jeff Krout*

Preaching and Presiding*: Pastor Janet Peterman*

Production*: John Stangl and Harold Schaefer; Bonnie Stangl*

Thanks Received

There's a lovely card from Joan Plawa Lattanze's family received earlier in April. It will be on the bulletin board when we return. For now, receive this kind word:

Joan loved her family at Grace
and they meant a lot to her.
With love and thanks
from Donna Plawa,
Paul Plawa and family,
and Lynn Plawa Oxenford and family.

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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 Stangl, having surgery this week and Bonnie, Ken Seiler, Sr (Ken's dad), Terry Stringfellow, friend of Dale and Mary Jane Moyer, Hazel Mascaro, Bob Yoder, RJ Bernheiser, Karen and Mark Weirbach

For all who grieve, including:

The family and friends Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Shannon Ryan; 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; Elizabeth Coyle, Crystal Tula's great aunt, who died of the coronavirus

Prayers of gratitude: *for all who work for the common good in this time of the pandemic – in gratitude for their work and with a prayer for their health, strength, patience, courage and protection: for medical personnel at all levels; for people who staff our grocery stores and collect our trash; for people who work at warehouse stores, post offices and on delivery routes; for volunteers who keep food pantries and food distribution sites open; and for others whom we may forget to mention: We thank you, Lord. Be a source of comfort, healing and strength.*

We give thanks to God for Matthew Smyrl's safe return from his deployment overseas.

For those in active duty military service:

Robert McNulty, active duty Marines, basic training
Jessica and Kyle Murphy, both active duty Air Force
Matthew Smyrl, active duty Army; Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army National Guard, returned in January from a year's deployment

Food Needed at EEC's Food Pantry

Many thanks for your continued generosity for the people of our community who are hungry and unable to feed their families. There are marked covered bins outside Grace's main entrance doors (Stepping Stones entrance) where you can leave items as you are able. We take them to EEC's food cupboard. Please consider picking up these kinds of staples when you re-supply your home.

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