



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

**Grace Lutheran Church
May 3rd – Fourth 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 (p)'s are ok!)

The Eternal Flame Candle is given this week to the glory of God by Pastor Peterman in memory of her grandmother Martha P. Smith, whose birthday is today.

*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.*

Carnation Orders are due this Sunday! (see page 2)



Grace Welcomes Bishop Patricia Davenport to our pulpit this Sunday. As a gift to the synod's pastors, recognizing how challenging their work has become in the time of Covid-19, the synod staff, including the Bishop, have offered to preach for synod congregations for the next several weeks in our online worship services.

Besides providing respite for our pastor, these 3 weeks will remind us that soon enough Grace will enter the call process and will give the congregation the opportunity to

hear three very different preachers, as a gift. Thank you, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod staff!



Bells Ringing Say, "Thank You!" Join us!

At 7 pm this Sunday evening, May 3rd, Grace joins churches across Pennsylvania in ringing its bells for 3 minutes in appreciation for emergency medical personnel, firefighters, police officers and employees of grocery stores, pharmacies and other life-sustaining businesses who have braved the viral elements, at the expense of themselves and their families, to maintain essential services to the general public sheltering in place. We join their recognition as "hometown heroes."

The bells will ring for 3 minutes at 7 pm. You can join in from wherever you are by going outside and clapping.

In addition to honoring those on the frontlines, "Bells Across Pennsylvania Day" shows resolve to restore local businesses and civic life to their former prominence.

Food Ministries

Food Pantry Distribution and Contributions

The food pantry at *Emmanuel EEC* (100 S Main Street)
Open next: 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.)

PB & J Sandwiches

This week, we made **545 sandwiches**, and were able to share 50 of them with EEC's food cupboard. Delivered with the sandwiches were 35 toiletry kits and 80 snack bags. Something about this basic feeding has touched the soul of who we are at Grace. Members of St. John's Ambler, St. Matthew's, Perkasio and St. Luke, Devon joined us this week. 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.
- The cooler will be at the entrance to Grace all day each TUESDAY. Leave your donation in the labeled coolers between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm
- Please email, text, or call Lou Farrell to let him know how many sandwiches you made. He delivers Wednesday.

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

Bruce Schmidt needs Styrofoam egg cartons if you have any you are tossing. Please place near the church entrance.

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 me at kaystone@comcast.net 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, May 3rd	4 th Sunday of Easter
	No public gatherings yet this week
Saturday, 5/2 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 2 nd page) or drop into locked mailbox at Stepping Stones entrance. We deposit weekly.

Leaders in worship this week:

Music: Lori Pluda, Frank Stone, and Beth Krout, with Minister of Music Kevin

Lectors: Karen and Ken Seiler

Presiding and Children's Message: Pastor Peterman

Preaching: Bishop Patricia Davenport

Production: Harold Schaeffer; Bonnie and John Stangl

Offerings, Last Several Weeks

Worship Attendance will be reported when we have a way to compare digital figures.

Easter Sunday, 4/12/20

General Fund - \$ 2050.00 Capital Fund - \$ 50.00

Second Sunday of Easter, 4/19/20

General Fund - \$ 1385.00 Capital Fund - \$ 470.00

Third Sunday of Easter, 4/26/20

General Fund - \$ 855.00 Capital Fund - \$ 230.00

Note from our counters: your envelopes and their numbers are still helpful, if you are able to use them.

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Office Hours will resume when we can gather in person.

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; Marilyn 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 Covid-19

Prayers of gratitude: *for John Stangl who had successful neck surgery this week and is now recuperating at home.*

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*

We Have 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 individual plastic bags on a line above 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.

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.

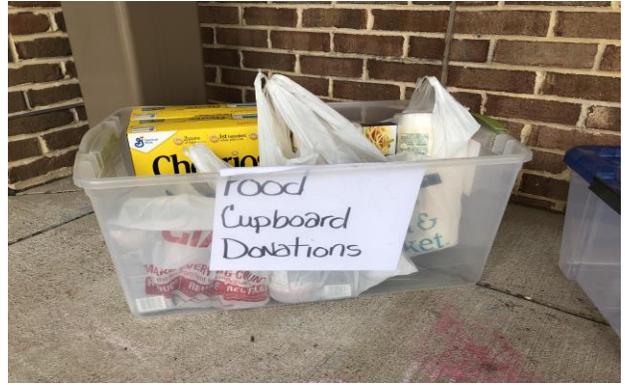
High priority items (we will update as we can):

- 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

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.*



Cancellations

Be safe, be well: How weary to keep sitting in the same chair, to be kept from seeing the ones we love! How hard to watch our country in such economic distress! But there is not enough testing yet to be safe, and it is not yet clear how we will be safe with each other in gatherings when we will be able to be together. Until then, we plan and hope.

For now, no:

- Mothers' Day Dinner this year (Thursday, May 14th)
- Spring Fling Flea Market (Saturday, May 16th): If you have space, hold the "stuff" you have been saving for the Flea Market. We'll try to have an event to "use" it when we can.