



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

Grace Lutheran Church  
May 17<sup>th</sup> - Sixth 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](http://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 Light Candle** is given this week to the glory of God by Barbara and Beverly Watts in memory of their mother Evelyn Watts. She will always be in their hearts.

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

**Open Sundays** for the Eternal Light Candle: June 7, 14, 21 and 28. Email the church office or contact the Pastor if you are interested in a week for a dedication.

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.*



**Grace Welcomes** the Rev. Dr. William Flippin to our virtual pulpit this Sunday. He serves as Assistant to the Bishop in our synod and Director of Evangelical Outreach. As support to the synod's pastors, whose work has suddenly become new and more challenging, synod staff members have each offered a sermon for congregational online worship services. Besides providing respite for our pastor, these weeks remind us that soon enough Grace will enter the call process. They give the congregation the chance to hear three very different preachers, as a gift. Thank you, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod staff! Welcome, Pastor Flippin!



**Back to Work!**

Thanks to a Paycheck Protection Program loan which will turn into a grant when spent properly, effective Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Stepping Stones day care staff was called back to work! Here is Director Jess Moran in the office. (Staff are primarily working from home, updating files for inspection, preparing and updating curriculum and records and getting ready for the children's return, when it will be allowed. A great big thank you to Finance and Stepping Stones leaders who worked together to secure the money.



**Tomato Seedlings! Sweets from the Stitches!**

This Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 4 pm, as long as supplies last, a limited number of tomato seedlings will be available at the entrance of Grace, under the sheltered entrance where Stepping Stones enters, on **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 4 pm**, 1 per household. If any are leftover at 4 pm, you may come for an additional plant. *Come, Grow with Grace.*

Also available on the display, as a gift from the **Stitches of Grace**, will be candy favors prepared for their Spring Stitch-In that had to be cancelled. *Come, know how sweetly you are missed.*

**Pentecost Reading of Acts 2**

Do you speak another language?

We have Spanish accounted for, and are looking for others.

Are you willing to try something new for Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>?

That's Pentecost Sunday and Pastor Peterman is trying to imagine how we might do a reading of the Acts 2 Pentecost story on Zoom with a recording that could be put into our weekly online service.

Contact her **by May 20<sup>th</sup>** if you could read a passage in another language to participate. (We're working out the logistics of recording.)

## This Week at Grace

<b>Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  Deadline today for <i>Parish News</i>  Pick up at the entrance of Grace: tomato plant seedlings and Sweets from the Stitches
<b>Noon - 4 pm</b> <i>Need a pick me up?</i>	No public gatherings yet this week
<b>noon</b>	Sunday worship posted online at noon See Grace's website for the lessons & prayers <a href="https://gracelutheranhatfield.org">https://gracelutheranhatfield.org</a>
<b>Christ is risen!</b> <b>He is risen indeed!</b> <b>Alleluia!</b>	<a href="http://www.YouTube.com">www.YouTube.com</a> Search: Grace Hatfield Services
<b>Offerings?</b>	Use the DONATE NOW button on our website. OR: Mail offerings into the office (address on 2 <sup>nd</sup> page) or drop into locked mailbox at Stepping Stones entrance. We deposit weekly.
<b>Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  Special prayers in worship in honor of Memorial Day Weekend

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, 5/3/20**

**Attendance:** 8am, 0    10:30am, 0

**General Fund - \$ 3,190.00    Capital Fund - \$ 145.00**

### Leaders in worship this week:

Music: Richard Badman, Betty Murray, and Barb Watts; and Harold Schaeffer, with Minister of Music Kevin Lector: Dan Sarm  
Presiding and Children's Message: Pastor Peterman  
Preaching: Pastor William Flippin  
Production: Harold Schaeffer; Bonnie and John Stangl

### Food Ministries: Sources of Food Food Pantry Distribution

The food pantry at *Emmanuel EEC* (100 S Main Street)  
Open next: Wednesday, May 20, 5:30 pm  
Thursday, May 28, 1:00 pm

For food through the *Hatfield Church of the Brethren* (1333 Cowpath Rd) email [hatfieldfoodbank@yahoo.com](mailto:hatfieldfoodbank@yahoo.com) for an appointment, if possible.

Open next: Tuesday, May 19, noon - 1:30  
Saturday, May 23, 10 - 11:00 am

The Church of the Brethren volunteers are in the building for 2 hours before the stated opening and allow people coming for food to come in when they arrive in this time period to give enough space for physical distancing.

*Emmanuel Lutheran Church* (69 W Broad St, Souderton, a sister congregation in our Indian Valley Cluster, the small group of Lutheran churches whose pastors regularly meet together monthly, who cover for each other when we are away) has developed a daily meal program since the beginning of this crisis. Anyone may come for a bagged meal; limited social contact. No registration required. No residency requirements. Up to 4 bags a day possible if picking up for a family or for neighbors who can't get out.

6 days a week, Monday - Saturday  
11:30 am - 2:00 pm (rear entrance)

## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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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### Food Ministries: Service Through the Heart Ways we can help...

Demand at **Hatfield food cupboards** continues to be very high. See the current special needs list on page 3. Our sandwich ministry, newly named Welcome Bread, in honor of the connection with the Welcome Church in Philadelphia, now regularly delivers sandwiches to both Hatfield food cupboards. We invite you, as you are able, to pick up some items for the food cupboard when you resupply your own home.



### Welcome Bread

We got word from Sam, the outreach worker on the streets of Philadelphia who distributes the sandwiches, that people are now requesting our sandwiches specifically. THOSE sandwiches, you know, the ones full of peanut butter and jelly!

Our day remains Tuesday, but Lou Farrell's organizing abilities, and the simple appeal of feeding people who have nothing to eat, our original partnership of Grace, the Welcome Church and St. John's, Ambler has added the 2 Hatfield food cupboards and 6 additional churches! That makes it possible for there to be sandwiches on 3 days of the week, many more snack bags and some toiletry kits.

*Feeding is part of what Jesus did, body and soul.*

*Following in his footsteps, we feed and are fed.*

Instructions on page 3. Participate whenever you can.





## Thank You!

Thank you to our members who purchased **Mother's Day Carnations**. The Pink and White Carnations were placed by the altar in honor and memory of our mothers. Pictures of the carnations appeared on our May 10<sup>th</sup> worship service on You Tube. Special thanks for stopping by Grace on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to pick up your carnations. It was good to see you!! The funds from the sale of the carnations will be shared with Laurel House, a local shelter for mothers and children who are victims of domestic violence. The *Giving In Service Team* would like to thank you for participating in our project.

**Bruce Schmidt** thanks **Grace friends** for the Styrofoam egg cartons. He has all he needs for this year.

## Resource Available Electronically

Bonnie Stangl has made a copy of the April, May, June The Word in Season as a pdf file. She's able to send it to anyone who would like to receive an electronic version. (She notes that the file is 7 MB.) Email Bonnie at the address on the staff list above, if you'd like a copy.

## PB & J Sandwiches, Instructions

- You make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on soft *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 Jelly Czar Lou to let him know how many sandwiches you made. He delivers Wednesday.

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

At the time of the sending of these *Grace Notes*, there was still donated peanut butter left for the use of sandwich makers who want it. See the stack at the entrance of the church and help yourself.

## 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*

## For all who grieve, including:

*The family and friends of 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; TreMar; Karen Weirbach*

## Lost to Covid-19:

*Elizabeth Coyle, Crystal Tula's great aunt; Charlotte Hutchinson, Jess Moran's grandmother*

## 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*

## Here's a newly updated list from EEC's Food Cupboard

- Cereal (NOT hot oatmeal)
- Mayo & salad dressings
- Canned peas
- tomato soup
- canned olives
- tea bags
- coffee
- dishwashing liquid
- tissues
- body wash
- toothbrushes
- razors & shave cream (Men & Women)
- water bottles

Other non-perishable food items and household items also accepted.

Covered bins are at the entrance to Grace for your contributions.