



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

**Grace Lutheran Church
May 24th – Seventh 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: NO Sunday School on Memorial Day Weekend, but we will continue after that!

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 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. Karen M. Sease to our virtual pulpit this Sunday. She serves as Assistant to the Bishop for Vocations and Leadership in our synod. We thank her for the gift of her presence. Welcome, Pastor Sease!

Feeding and Being Fed

A member of Grace who has been making sandwiches remarked on how important it has been for her to have something to do in these weeks. She has food and shelter and everything she and her family need. She's discovered that by responding to the basic need of providing food for someone who does not know where his or her next meal is coming from also feeds something important *in her*.

We feed and are fed.

This week Grace gathered **2,191 sandwiches** which was enough for distribution on **THREE days**. Of that, Grace people made 43% of those sandwiches. But by our example, we have gathered into a sandwich-making coalition 13 congregations, 3 food cupboards, a non-profit, and a crew of individuals. Mighty Grace! Thanks be to God! It begins so simply:



The apostle Paul shows us that giving and receiving are tied together in this way:

10 I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. 11 Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. 12 I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me. 14 In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. [Philippians 4]

It may be more comfortable for many of us to give, but it is blessed to be able both to give and to receive.
All I have needed, O LORD, thy hand hath provided!



EEC Food Pantry

Our shared work in the Hatfield Community Volunteers in the food cupboard at EEC this week See the list on page 3 for currently requested items.

This Week at Grace

Sunday, May 24th	7 th Sunday of Easter
Memorial Day Weekend	Special prayers in worship remembering those lost in military service to our country
	No public gatherings yet this week
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.
Sunday, May 31st	Pentecost Sunday

5th Sunday of Easter, 5/10/20

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

General Fund - \$ 2,250.00 **Capital Fund** - \$ 485.00

6th Sunday of Easter, 5/17/20

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

General Fund - \$ 2,875.00 **Capital Fund** - \$ 990.00

Leaders in worship this week:

Music: Richard Badman, Betty Murray, and Barb Watts; and Harold Schaeffer, with Minister of Music Kevin Lector: Frank and Kay Stone
Presiding and Children's Message: Pastor Peterman
Preaching: Pastor Karen M. Sease, SEPA Synod Staff
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: Tuesday, June 2, 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 for an appointment, if possible.

Open next: Tuesday, June 2, noon

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) 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)

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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 and Bonnie Stangl (He's hospitalized again this week), 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*

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.

Food Ministries: Service Through the Heart

Demand at **Hatfield food cupboards** continues to be very high. We invite you, as you are able, to pick up some items for the food cupboard when you resupply your own home.

Most Needed Now for 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.

Welcome Bread

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, call or text Jelly Czar Lou Farrell to let him know how many sandwiches you made. He delivers Wednesday.

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