



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

Grace Lutheran Church
August 23rd - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome to Grace! We rejoice at being able to join one another in person once again. We do so with safety protocols in place to care for each other. We are outside through August 30th - note change of date - weather permitting. We continue to videotape worship to make it available online.

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 Since we have returned to worship in person, online videos of Sunday services are posted each week on Wednesday following the Sunday, at noon. Find the lessons & prayers on Grace's website. **Spread the word!**

Sunday School has ended for the season: See you in the fall!

Flowers return!

Starting with Labor Day weekend, when worship returns to indoors on a regular basis, we will bring back altar flowers. See the announcement on page 2 for how to sponsor.

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.*

Special Dates this month: Hold these Dates!

This Sunday, August 23rd, in worship at 9:15 am: Grace's Call Committee will be introduced in worship and blessed for the task they are beginning.

Sunday, August 30th, in worship at 9:15 am:

We'll celebrate Holy Communion in person for the first time since March 8th. Congregational meeting immediately following worship. The only business that day will be the two resolutions regarding homosexuality and pastoral ministry during the next pastoral tenure. (A copy of the letter was mailed to all member households and was also be emailed with *Grace Notes* for Sunday, August 9th.)



*Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!*
Isaiah 55:1

See the list of needed items for the food cupboard on page 2.

Worship Moves Indoors in September

For the month of September, our worship services at Grace will continue to be at 9:15 am and held in our sanctuary. It has been wonderful to be able to worship outdoors when the weather permitted but as we approach September the changing season brings uncertainty and less shade in our parking area. In addition, set up for worship is much easier inside. We will continue with social distancing and wearing masks. We ask that you sit in your family units with FOUR chair spaces between family units. Offering baskets, Bulletins and Grace Notes will continue to be at the doors to the sanctuary as you enter. After the service has ended, those who wish to continue fellowship with each other should move outdoors where social distancing is easier and safer.

As attendance increases, we will reconsider returning to our two services at 8 am and 10:30 am. For July and August our average attendance has been 30 people. It has been wonderful to experience worship together. We especially would like to thank all those who have helped with setting up each Sunday, providing music, sound, and video for our online worship. We will continue to need volunteers to help with the video of our service, as well as sound, ushers and lectors. See Kay Stone if you are available to usher, Kathy Stawasz to lector, and Harold Schaefer for sound and video.

Welcome Bread: Grace's Sandwich Day is Tuesday

Jelly Czar Lou Farrell will be interviewed Sunday by Bill Anderson (Fox29, "For Goodness Sake") about his work with Welcome Bread. The segment will air sometime next week. Lou will make copies of the clip. We can let you know soon how you can view it.

This Week at Grace

Sunday, August 23rd 9:15 am	12 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship OUTDOORS, weather permitting (we move indoors if it is not possible outdoors)
<i>It's time to praise God and give thanks for God's love!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your own chair, if you can • Masks, social distancing protections in place • Special music each week
Offerings?	Use the DONATE NOW button on our website. OR: Mail offerings into the office (address on this page) or drop into locked mailbox at Stepping Stones entrance. We deposit weekly.
Monday- Friday 7:30 am - 5:30 pm	Stepping Stones Day Care Open
Monday, August 24 7:00 pm	Call Committee via Zoom
Tuesday, August 25 8:00 am - 8:00 pm 7:00 pm	Welcome Bread Sandwich Day INreach via Zoom
Wednesday, Aug 26 Noon 7:15 pm	Sunday's worship posted: www.YouTube.com Search: Grace Hatfield Services Communications Team F/H
Sunday, August 30th 9:15 am 10:00 am (immediately following worship)	Summer Worship Congregational Meeting (Outside, if possible)

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Altar Flower Sponsors needed:

Starting in September, we will bring back altar flowers. Two sponsors will be needed each week. Cost is \$17 each. Please see sign-up sheets in the narthex. For now, when visits are limited, we will not assign a delivery person to take care of the flowers after church. That means the flowers are yours to take home.

You could check in with the Pastor to see if she will be visiting someone that day or the next day and could take them, or ask others at church if they know someone they will be seeing who they want to take flowers to. Otherwise, they are yours to take home. Is a neighbor sick? Do you know someone struggling in some way? Perhaps they would appreciate flowers! There are glass vases in the sacristy to put the flowers in to take home. Please return gold vase and insert back to the altar. Questions, please contact Kathy Stawasz.

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Last Week

11th Sunday after Pentecost, 8/16/20

Attendance: 9:15 am 29 (online views not included)

EEC List of Needed Items for when you shop...

- Grocery store gift cards (so the food cupboard can buy what is needed)
- Chunky soup (heart healthy)
- Soup: clam chowder, split pea, lentil, black bean, vegetable, tomato
- Canned: olives, spinach, asparagus, mushrooms
- Tuna in OIL
- cereal (presently, hot oatmeal is NOT needed)
- Salad dressing
- 100% juice
- your backyard garden surplus - contact Carol for pick up.

Other non-perishable food items and household items also accepted. Your continued gifts are gratefully received. Thank you!

The Sunday School and Youth Teachers at Grace want to share this message from the ELCA:

After much prayer and consideration, we have decided to postpone next summer's ELCA Youth Gathering to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, with the two pre-events scheduled for July 21-24, 2022.

We give thanks for your prayers and patience as we have worked through the details with our partners in Minneapolis and across the country. We hope that by

postponing the Gathering for a year, individuals and congregations will feel more comfortable and prepared to attend the Gathering in 2022. We look forward to seeing you and experiencing the boundlessness of God in Minneapolis in 2022! #ELCAYG2022

Food Ministries: Sources of Food Food Cupboard Distribution

The food cupboard at *Emmanuel EEC* (100 S Main Street) Open next: Tuesday, August 25, 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: Monday, August 24, 6:30-7:30 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (69 W Broad St, Souderton) has a daily meal program. 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.

Open: 6 days a week, Monday - Saturday
10:30 am - 1:00 pm (rear entrance)

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 Mason, 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), 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, RJ Bernheiser, Ruthann Rex (Kathy Stawasz' mom), Rita Hamilton (Roney's friend), Jeanine Marie Cabrera (Jean Shaffer's daughter), Rich Woltmann, Shirley and Bob Yoder, Peggy Long

For all who grieve, including:

The family and friends of Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Shannon Ryan; Ralph Buffone; Millie Anderson; Arline Kratz; Marilyn Homan; Barbara Masser (Ray's wife); Joan Lattanze; Samuel Barndt, cousin of Andrea Roney; Joan Miller; TreMar; Karen Weirbach; Diane Graham Miller; George Townsend (Roney's friend); Donna Plawa: Jean Goetter; Beto Dominguez (Jesus Tula's cousin), John Green (Jess Moran's uncle), Edward Felix McTeigue (Reilly's friend), Tomasa Dominguez (Jesus Tula's grandmother)

Lost to Covid-19:

Elizabeth Coyle, Crystal Tula's great aunt; Charlotte Hutchinson, Jess Moran's grandmother; Victor Dominguez, Jesus Tula's uncle

For those in active duty military service:

*Robert McNulty, Marines, basic training
Jessica Murphy, Air Force
Matthew Smyrl, Army; Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army National Guard*

For active duty military deployed overseas:

Kyle Murphy, Air Force



Peggy Long had knee surgery and is recuperating at her son's home.

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