



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

Grace Lutheran Church
September 6th – Fourteenth 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. Beginning this week we move indoors, with one service at 9:15 am. As attendance rises, will consider returning to 2 services at 8 and 10:30 am.

The Property Team is working with the CDC guidelines for reopening buildings safely, replacing air filters on air handling systems, cleaning coils. When they have completed their work, we will let you know.

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!**

The first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 20th. We'll start by Zoom, from 10:30-11:30 am and ask you to start thinking of friends and neighbors you might start inviting to be with us.

Class starts with a large group gathering with the day's lesson, then "break out" sessions with like-aged kids going into more depth: Kindergarten - 3rd grade; 4th - 6th grade; and a teen group with Jaime.

The Flowers on the altar are provided this week to the glory of God by June Detweiler in honor of Wendy and Anna Walters' birthdays; and by Betty Murray in memory of her husband Bill on their 65th wedding anniversary and in honor of her brother Larry Moore's birthday.

Now that we have resumed indoor worship, flowers will be available weekly for dedication (\$17/basket; donors take with them). Available dates coming up: 9/20 (1); 10/11 (1); 10/18 (1); 10/25 (1). See the sign-up sheet in the narthex or Contact Kathy Stawasz.

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.



Peggy Long c/o Scott Long as she recuperates from surgery

Special birthdays coming up: Cards, anyone?
Mary Lou Kratz, September 13th

Mabel Hoepfl, September 19th (this yr there's a 0!)

Mary Jane Slugg, September 19th

Chuck & Mary Jane's 53rd Anniversary is September 2nd

Grace's Ministries Meet, Plan Events



After a long hiatus, YOGA has resumed! The class loved meeting outside last week. See details on page 3.

INreach is planning for SOUPATHON when the weather turns cold. Soup makers, prepare!

Harvest Home Sunday, September 27th

You are invited to bring *canned goods and non-perishable items* to church during the month of **September**. Our gifts of food will be shared with *Manna on Main Street* in Lansdale and *The Hatfield Food Cupboard* at Emmanuel Evangelical Church. There is a display in the narthex with a list of food items needed and a basket where you can place your food offerings. If you would prefer to drop your food at church during the week, bins will be available outside the Main Entrance (Stepping Stones Entrance) to Grace. Bins are marked for Harvest Home food items. Bins will continue to be available each week for the Hatfield Food Cupboard at EEC as the needs are great. You may also donate funds by using your **Harvest Home Envelope** in your offering envelope box. These offerings will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and will help our neighbors around the world. The Giving in Service Team appreciates your kindness in helping others.

CROP Walk 2020: The North Penn Annual CROP Walk will take on a different look this year. Even though we will not be gathering together, we know we can still walk and raise money for Manna on Main Street and Church World Services. **Sunday, October 11, 2020** is CROP Walk Sunday. However, this year our 5-mile walk will be held virtually. We ask you to support our fight against hunger by walking on October 11th around your neighborhood or your favorite place for walking. If you cannot walk that day, please walk any time during the week leading up to *World Hunger Day* which is on Friday, October 16, 2020. Won't you join in the fun and walk so that others may have food!! The funds raised at area CROP Walks are given to Church World Services. CWS distributes these funds to the areas in the world in most need of help. Part of the funds are shared in the Lansdale area. If you cannot join the walk, help sponsor one of our walkers. For information or to pick up a form to walk, see Jean Shaffer or Kay Stone.

Visit "Grace Lutheran Church-Hatfield" Crop Walk Page to donate or join our TEAM:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansdalepa/Team/View/135421/Grace-Lutheran-Church-Hatfield>

For more information about this world wide project through Church World Service, visit

http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=crop_main

Food Ministries: Sources of Food Food Cupboard Distribution

The food cupboard at *Emmanuel EEC* (100 S Main Street) Open next: Tuesday, September 8, 1:00 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, Mon – Sat, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

This Week at Grace

Sunday, Sept 6 9:15 am	14 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship moves INDOORS
Offerings?	Use the DONATE NOW button on our website. OR: Mail offerings to the office; or drop in locked mailbox at Stepping Stones entrance.
Monday- Friday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm	Stepping Stones Day Care Open
Monday, Sept 7	Labor Day Church Office & School closed for the holiday
Tuesday, Sept 8 8:00 am – 8:00 pm	Welcome Bread Sandwich Day
Wednesday, Sept 9 Noon	Sunday's worship posted: www.YouTube.com Search: Grace Hatfield Services Yoga Class
6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Sunday, Sept 13 9:15 am	Worship

Welcome Bread: Grace's Sandwich Day is Tuesday

Here's a clip from YouTube of Jelly Czar Lou Farrell interviewed last week by Charles Ellison (Fox29, "Reality Check") about his work with Welcome Bread:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oV5sepR4vv0>

We're part of something really important, and we helped to get it started!

*We can do no great things,
only small things with great love. Mother Theresa*

Last Week

13th Sunday after Pentecost, 8/30/20

Attendance: 9:15 am 55 (online views not included)

General Fund - \$3,442.00 **Capital Fund** - \$ 1,090.00

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

- Grocery store gift cards (so the food cupboard can buy what is needed)
- Cooking oil
- Flour
- Sugar
- Jelly
- 100% juice
- your backyard garden surplus - call Carol for pick up.

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

August distribution totals: Served 43 families, comprising 151 individuals (almost half of them children). Just under 2,100 lbs. distributed!

8/30/20 Congregational Meeting Results

Resolution 1

Be it resolved, as we consider the place of gay and lesbian people at Grace and a Pastor's ministry with and among them, that Grace Lutheran Church asks our next Pastor to:

- Offer love, support, and refuge to those regardless of their sexuality who want to grow in faith, together in Christ.
- Understand both sides of the issue and work to bring the congregation together while

understanding and accepting differences among people.

- Relate kindly to those Grace members who disagree theologically with a more open stance.
- Understand the issues and engage in conversations in order to further grow our knowledge on this topic and work on bringing light to both sides.

Yes votes: 46 No votes: 0 Abstentions: 1

Resolution 2

Therefore, be it resolved, that beginning with the next pastoral tenure, for the next pastoral tenure, Grace Lutheran Church will allow gay and lesbian members of the congregation to be married in the sanctuary, in the same way they would allow any other marriages, with all the same requirements for marriage preparation, and at the determination of the Pastor, as for any other couple.

Yes votes: 42 No votes: 4 Abstentions: 1

Comment

While the vote showed an overwhelming majority of participants in favor of the resolutions, we identified some members who stayed away from the process because they held opposing views and wanted to avoid the process, and others who were prevented from participating because of underlying health concerns and Covid restrictions. Council felt strongly, however, that despite our differences, we can show respect and honor to all as we work together in Christ.

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Office Hours will resume at a later date.

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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 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, Ashley Plawa Reiss and her twin unborn daughters whose pregnancy is nearing its end, Carol MacDonald

For all who grieve, including:

The family and friends of Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Shannon Ryan; Ralph Buffone; 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

YOGA (Hatha) CLASS has begun again

The class loved meeting outside this past week, and will continue through September - weather permitting. If bad weather, we will be inside. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm. All-levels.

Poses and sequences will work on using all parts of the body, and will vary from week to week. This will be suitable for those with some yoga experience but also for anyone with little to none, as options will be offered for the various poses. The goal is to work on strength and flexibility gradually while gaining an ability to focus on breath and awareness. We will assess how it went and decide if we should continue in October.

MASK must be worn if indoors.

COST: \$5/class fee will be donated to the Welcome Bread (Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church)

WHO: Ages 18 and up

What is needed: exercise mat (let me know if you need one) Invite a friend or family member everyone is welcome. Questions Contact Kathy Stawasz.