



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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 29th – First Week of Advent

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome to Grace! We worship indoors with one service at 9:15 am by using certain safety protocols to care for each other. As attendance rises, we will consider returning to two services at 8 am and 10:30 am.

Find Grace Worship Online

Go online in any way (phone, tablet, or computer with any browser). Go to www.YouTube.com and search for: Grace Hatfield Services (posted each week on Wednesday following the Sunday, at noon). Find the lessons & prayers on Grace's website. **Spread the word!**

The Flowers on the altar are provided this week to the glory of God by June Detweiler in honor of Nancy and Ken Seiler for their wedding anniversary, and by Kathy Stawasz.

For Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School this week.

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.

Please join us in wishing a very happy birthday to Dolores McGlinchey who celebrates her birthday on November 26. If you wish to send a birthday card, please contact the office for her address.

From the Executive Committee:

Your Executive Committee of Council and Worship & Music leaders and staff continue their ongoing discussion about Grace's continuing to hold in person worship services in light of the surge of virus cases around us. We have decided, for now, to try to continue having them as long as possible. We believe that we have developed appropriate protocols that members have taken personal responsibility and, if they are at risk, they stay at home. We know that the people who come for services really need the human contact that is offered there.

We will be a bit more insistent about moving people along after the services, though. At this time, in person Christmas services are still planned.

As we all know, a new governor's order, or new Montgomery County regulations could cause us to reevaluate our plans. We ask for your continued prayers: for front line workers; for those working in medical settings; for all working for cures and with the vaccines; for Grace's staff and leaders; and for all who struggle with isolation and fear.

We wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving!

Grace and Heidelberg combine for Thanksgiving Eve:

All VIRTUAL this year! Join us in praise, and in remembering your gratitude, in spite of all of 2020's challenges. And you are in for some musical treats, thanks to Kevin's work with Grace's choir and his preparing a recital for the service.

At the conclusion of the service, Kevin prepared a "virtual pipe organ concert" featuring 6 organs from around the world, including the USA! Kevin recommends that if you have headphones or earbuds, you will be able to hear the sounds with more clarity. The concert will include Thanksgiving hymn-based preludes and postludes, some of Kevin's own hymn arrangements on familiar tunes and then a couple pieces that you might not hear other than in concert, but the program concludes with one of the most famous organ Toccatas from the 5th Organ Symphony by Charles-Marie Widor, a French composer and organist.

If you still have not sent in your survey for Christmas Eve worship, please call the office when you know which service you will attend. The choices are 4pm, 6:30pm, and 9pm. ♥ ♥ ♥

2021 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2021 offering envelopes on the table in the narthex. Just a reminder that you should not use these new envelopes until January 2021.

WELCA has a box for Christmas cards for our homebound people in the Narthex. If anybody would like to give Christmas cards, you don't need to send them. There will be a list of names for you to take. The box will be there from November 22 to December 6. Thank you!

Confirmation This Week

Confirming this week at 10:30: Olivia Stone, Wyeth Slugg, and Seth Hercolini.

We invite you to pray for them if you are not able to worship with us this Sunday, to pray for Grace's work in Christian Education and with youth, and to remember the special gift that the young, the curious and those whose minds are expanding bring to the community of faith.

Sweets for Sharing Is Returning!

Baking this holiday season? At home and looking to do something to help others? Then bake (or buy if you prefer) an extra dozen for someone that can use something sweet to brighten their holiday. Drop your cookies or candies off in Grace's kitchen or at 155 Forrest Way, Hatfield (you can leave them by the front door) by December 9th by 4:30 pm. That evening, the InReach Team will be packing them up in order to distribute them that week. For more information contact Peggy.



Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project - Last Sunday to Shop - Gifts due next Sunday, Dec. 6th

This year we will support two families from our Stepping Stones Day Care BUT in addition we would like to recognize the Staff of Stepping Stones for their amazing work continuing to bring needed daycare to our community. But we are not stopping there! Let's help the people of The Welcome Church prepare for cold weather by giving socks. WE CAN DO THIS!! Check out the display for our Adopt-A-Family Project in the narthex. If you are not attending worship, we invite you to drop off items at Grace. Bins will be outside the main entrance for socks and Angel Gifts. Gift cards in envelopes marked for Stepping Stones Staff may be placed in the church mailbox by the main entrance.

1. You may participate in several different ways in our collection of items for our two families from the Hatfield area. You can choose a gift and/or gift card to purchase for our two families. A wish list of items for each family is available for your choosing. We are also collecting items for the Angel Boxes. These items are everyday supplies needed by our families. A shopping list is provided for you and can be found by the Angel Gifts display.
2. You can choose to take an envelope to donate a \$25 gift card for a staff member of Stepping Stones and/or pick a gift for one of the classrooms.
3. You may donate warm, crew or longer socks for the members of The Welcome Church. These inexpensive socks will be used to keep hands or feet warm this winter.
4. Please return your gift(s) with receipts by **Sunday, Dec. 6th**. If you would like the Confirmation class to do your shopping, please give your donation to Pastor Peterman by Sunday, Dec. 6th.

Questions: Contact Kay Stone

Angel Gift suggestions: Paper towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex (tissues), Bar Soap, Toothpaste/toothbrushes, Shampoo (tight lids), Deodorant, Razors, Feminine Products

EEC Food Cupboard UPDATES...

Every week your generous donations feed a growing number of people in Hatfield who are finding it necessary to get their household supplies and food from the EEC food cupboard. Thank you so much for continuing to drop off donations in our plastic food bins located under the portico at Grace, as well as in the food bins in the narthex. Any additional items you can pick up while you shop will make a difference. Updated wish lists for scarce items will be shared in Grace notes. **Janet Hague shared the October figures: 2,560 lbs. of food distributed to 45 families (155 individuals, 1/3 of them children**

The items that are currently in the most need:

- Gift cards – Janet can shop for exactly what is needed
- Canned Vegetables: asparagus, carrots, peas, spinach, lima beans, mixed vegetables, whole tomatoes
- Tuna in oil
- Vinegar – pint or quart
- Applesauce – Large cans or jars (29-30 oz)
- Pasta, boxed – any shape or size except spaghetti
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper – individually wrapped
- Shampoo
- Body Wash

Items **NOT** currently needed: Cranberry sauce, pumpkin, canned sweet potatoes, baked beans, kidney beans, black beans

Distribution date: Tuesday afternoon 1:00-2:00 pm: Nov 10 & 24, Dec 8, 22, & 29, 2020 plus Jan 12 & 26, 2021 and Tuesday evening 5:30-6:30 pm: Nov 3 & 17, Dec 1 & 15 plus Jan 5 & 19, 2021

The food cupboard is available to all Hatfield borough residents, so please reach out if you, or someone you know, would benefit from receiving supplemental food pantry items. 215-855-2540; foodcupboard@yahoo.com. Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome!

Food Ministries: Sources of Food Food Cupboard Distribution

The food cupboard at *Emmanuel EEC* (100 S Main Street) Open next: Tuesday, December 1, 5:30 pm

Hatfield Church of the Brethren (1333 Cowpath) Open next: Monday, November 23, 6:30 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (69 W Broad St, Souderton) has a daily meal program. Anyone may come for a bagged meal with 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
Entrance in the rear

This Week at Grace

Sunday, November 29 8:00 am 10:30 am	Worship in person Worship in person, confirmation
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-Wednesday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm	Stepping Stones Day Care
Tuesday, December 1 8:00 am – 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Welcome Bread Sandwich Stitchers
Wednesday, December 2 10 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm	WELCA Sunday's worship posted: www.YouTube.com Search: Grace Hatfield Services Yoga

Sunday, December 6 9:15 am	Worship in person Annual budget meeting after service Cookies due for Sweets for Sharing Adopt A Family gifts due
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Last Week (in person attendance #s only included)

Christ the King, 11/22/20

Attendance: 9:15 am, 38

General Fund - \$890.00 Capital Fund - \$655.00

Yoga will continue inside thru December. Classes will be held on: (no class 11/25), 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16. They will then stop for the holidays and begin again on 1/6/21.

We will assess the COVID situation each month. If anything changes and we need to stop, you will be notified.

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

WHO: Ages 18 and up

What is needed: exercise mat (let Kathy Stawasz know if you need one) ----- Questions? Contact Kathy

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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; TreMar; Karen Weirbach; Diane Graham Miller; George Townsend (Roney's friend); Donna Plawa: Beto Dominguez (Jesus Tula's cousin), John Green (Jess Moran's uncle), Edward Felix McTeigue (Reilly's friend), Tomasa Dominguez (Jesus Tula's grandmother), Al Godshall, William Hardnock, Rita Hamilton (Roney's friend), Margaret Ann Berman (MJ Moyer's family), Carol Capanear, Jim Markowski

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 military deployed overseas: Kyle Murphy, Air Force