



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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 24th - Christmas Eve

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 of the altar are provided this week to the glory of God by Barbara Watts in honor of her sister Beverly Watts's birthday, and by Richard R. Badman in honor of the birthday of his son Derik.

There will be **no Sunday School December 27th**.

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.

Elders' Birthdays

Would you like to brighten someone's day? Do you have a minute to send a card? Here are birthdays coming up.

December 24 **Bob Kaler III**

December 29 **Suzanne Colville**

Plumbing Trouble, You Can Help!

This past week, Grace needed a plumber to unclog the lines under the toilets in the bathrooms in the narthex hallway. While these bathrooms are used by both Grace members on Sundays and Stepping Stones staff during the week, the culprit this time was wipes. **Please:** everything but toilet tissue goes in the waste bins! Thanks for your help.

A HUGE Thank you for your generous gifts to the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project



As we packed up all your wonderful gifts and prepared them to be delivered to our families, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our members and the families of Cub Scout Pack 510. Your gifts to the Stepping Stones Staff and Classroom Gifts were also amazing. In addition, you provided 227 pairs of socks for the Welcome Church. Thank you so much for shopping and supporting our families, the Stepping Stones Staff and children and the Welcome Church. Your Christmas Spirit of giving is a shining light of Christ's love.

The Giving in Service Team

On Sunday, December 13th, Grace received the following new members:



Crystal Tula (congregational sponsor: Kay Stone) and her sons **Jayson** and **Christiano** (pictured above with her husband and youngest son) (congregational sponsors: the Slugg Family)

Lou and Cathy Farrell (picture pending) (congregational sponsors: Frank Stone and Kathy Stawasz)

Crystal first visited Grace on Scout Sunday in 2017. She's a leader of Grace's cub pack 51, who, with others, has been helping us bring the pack and church closer together. She's shown in this picture with her husband, Jesus, and their 3 children, Chase, whose baptism will take place soon at Grace, and Jayson and Cristiano, who joined with her on 12/13, all by Affirmation of Faith. Council has just affirmed Crystal's taking on the role of Chair/Facilitator of INreach, starting in January.

Cathy and Lou Farrell come to Grace from St. John's Lutheran Church in Ambler which closed last year. We know Cathy as the yoga teacher on Wednesday evenings in Fellowship Hall, and Lou as the Jelly Czar who has inspired us to roll up our sleeves to make PB & J. They are longtime residents of Hatfield with a moose in their front yard. Lou will join the INreach team, eager to share his experience of a healing ministry that he and Cathy had been part of at St. John's. Cathy looks forward to serving among those who will be forming the new team to be launched in January for building relationships and planning events with the people in and around Grace.

Welcome! We are graced by your presence with us!

The Word in Season's are held up in the USPS backlog.



Below is the link to set up the daily Word in Season readings to your email until they come in. They will begin January 1st.

<https://go.augsburgfortress.org/temporary-word-in-season-emails>

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.

Contributions for 2020: Contributions that are to be counted with 2020 need to be POSTMARKED by December 31st or in Grace's mailbox that day to be counted with 2020 contributions.

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.

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

Distribution date: Tuesday afternoon 1:00-2:00 pm: Dec 29, 2020 plus Jan 12 & 26, 2021 and Tuesday evening 5:30-6:30 pm: 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 29, 1:00 pm

Hatfield Church of the Brethren (1333 Cowpath) Open next: Monday, December 28, 6:30pm

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, December 27 NO in-Person worship	Video of Lessons & Carols with communion posted Saturday at noon
Offerings?	Use the DONATE NOW button on our website. OR: Mail offerings to the office; or drop in locked mailbox at Stepping Stones entrance.
	Stepping Stones Day Care Closed 12/23-1/3
Tuesday, December 29 8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Welcome Bread Sandwiches
Thursday, December 31 – Friday, January 1	Grace Lutheran office closed
Sunday, January 3 9:15 am 10:30 am	Worship in person Sunday School, ZOOM

Last Week (in person attendance #s only included)

Fourth Week of Advent, 12/21/20

Attendance: 9:15 am, 32

General Fund - \$6,554. Capital Fund - \$1,335.

Yoga will 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.

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Pastor Peterman is on vacation from December 25th through January 3rd

If you have a pastoral emergency or if you know of someone who needs urgent pastoral care, please call the office during regular office hours (The office will be open Monday - Wednesday next week, December 28-30, 9 am - noon, 215-855-4676.) or call Council member Joyce Salter outside office hours to be connected to a pastor on call.

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), 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, Ruthann Rex (Kathy Stawasz' mom), Jeanine Marie Cabrera (Jean Shaffer's daughter), Rich Woltmann, Shirley and Bob Yoder, Peggy Long, Ashley Plawa Reiss, Carol MacDonald, Kent Peterman, Robyn Gibson (Phyllis McKeefrey's stepdaughter), Judith Stangl (John's sister), Lorraine Snyder, Julie Savitz, Vickie West, Marilyn Forst, Bob Rufe (Mary Jane Moyer's brother), Terri Markowski, Margaret Stangl, Loretta Seiler, Bailey Vinson (Liz Bauer's great-granddaughter)

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