



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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 3rd – Epiphany Sunday

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 Karen Heacock for her son, Corry Szakal and by Emily and Rich Woltmann in honor of their family and friends.

For Sunday School: We're holding Sunday school by Zoom. Contact Laura Slugg for your personal invite (pj's are ok!) mcslugg@mac.com; 215-429-0005

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.*

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.

Links for Services

Christmas Eve 9pm service:

<https://youtu.be/IEQLPfvbDXU>

Carols and lessons from December 27:

<https://youtu.be/IWSBSJLi3oM>

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>

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.

Welcome Bread Cookies

A woman from an assisted living facility called to report that because of COVID, it was not possible to do their cookie exchange this year. They understood, but their people were still baking and had some cookies to donate. Could Lou take them? When he picked them up, there were so many boxes: 100+ dozens of Christmas cookies. He repacked the cookies from their original donation packages, prepping them to give away on his routes. On one of the containers, he found a name and number.

He received the cookies second hand from somebody who knew of Welcome Bread and requested that he find the cookies a home. He wanted to thank somebody for these "grandma-baked" homemade cookies. When he called the woman whose number was on the container, he discovered that she lived in hospice... *living in hospice, spending the precious gift of her time to bake cookies for someone she would never meet, whose Christmas she just brightened.*



In giving we receive. In receiving we give. In giving and receiving, we remember that we belong to each other. Thanks Lou and all who provide sandwiches and other food and socks, and for the work of Welcome Bread that connects us to each other. Thanks to the food cupboards of Hatfield, and to Emmanuel, Souderton's new eMeal ministry this year, to all who volunteer in these and other places for people who need food, and to all of you who provide food. At this turn of the year, we remember in prayer all who are hungry, cold, whose housing is in jeopardy.

THANKS YOU'S!

Thanks to all for the cookies and greetings. It is greatly appreciated.

Joan Amundsen

Thank you for the cards, candy, and cookies.

Doris Griffenberg

Dear Grace Family,

Words usually come easily to me, but somehow the simple words "thank you" don't seem to carry enough: for your generous Christmas gift, for all your kind warm wishes and goodies over the holidays, and for your interest, thoughts and prayers during these last months since Kent's accident. Know that those 2 words have my full heart in them, though, and that I am grateful. Thank you!

Pastor Janet S Peterman

A huge thank you to all Grace members and folks who stepped up to help with music preparations for Christmas. This was a challenge but what great things came from it. The participants all gave 100% of themselves to make it happen so please hear me when I say Thank You everyone! We had piano, guitar, violin, chimes ringing, choir, vocal solos, the support from the office, Pastor Peterman, members of Worship and Music, Council, Finance, and generous members who supported me and music ministry in so many ways. I was able to put together music in virtual form and share that at Christmas. So grateful to all of you as you helped give music a life in our church during this COVID challenge.

And to my dear choir members and members of Council, your kindness and gifts to me personally were extremely kind and very thoughtful. Thank you. I feel like a family member to you in the ways you welcome me each week and at the Holidays to remember me and bless me.

My most sincere wishes to all Grace members in the New Year.

Kevin

Dear Family at Grace,

Thank you all for remembering us with cards at Christmas. It was a nice surprise that brought back many memories of our time at Grace. Although we are no longer able to attend services, we are still part of the congregation and miss seeing you all.

God's Blessings to All,

Mary Jane & Chuck Slugg

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: 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, January 5, 5:30 pm

Hatfield Church of the Brethren (1333 Cowpath) Open next: Tuesday, January 5, 12:00 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, January 3 9:15 am 10:30 am	Worship in person Sunday School, ZOOM
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
Tuesday, January 5 8:00 am – 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Welcome Bread Sandwiches Stitchers, F/H
Wednesday, January 6 10 am 6:30 pm	WELCA Meeting, F/H Yoga, F/H
Sunday, January 10 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Worship in person Worship in person Sunday School, ZOOM

Last Week (in person attendance #s only included)

Christmas Eve, 12/24/20

Attendance: total, 79

General Fund - \$3,670.00. Capital Fund - \$80.00.

Yoga is back January 6! Please remember to wear a mask!
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? Call Kathy

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Pastor Peterman is on vacation 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, 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, 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, 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