



Parish News

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

**June
2021**

Grace Calls A New Pastor

On May 2nd the Call Process came to a close when 55 members of Grace voted unanimously to call Pastor Nancy Raabe as their next Pastor. The Call Process, both different and long because of the pandemic, included both Zoom and in person interviews with the Call Committee, a Zoom interview with Council, a Saturday in person Meet and Greet followed by a 40 minute question and answer period attended by 48 Grace members and finally the in person worship service and vote. Pastor Raabe will begin her work at Grace on July 5th and her first worship service will be on July 11th. Read her biography below.

Pastor Nancy M. Raabe is an energetic and creative leader of Christian worship. She specializes in incorporating music and the liturgical arts into worship services. She is known as an empathetic



servant leader, an effective preacher, and as a thoughtful teacher for those of all ages. Pastor Raabe has been successful in developing sound mission-based plans so that her congregations can grow and thrive in a sustainable

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manner. Further, Nancy strives to involve her congregation in the activities of the surrounding community.

Pastor Raabe is an author, worship leader, and composer of church music. Her piano, organ, vocal, choral works, and books have been published by Augsburg Fortress, Choristers Guild, MorningStar Music, Concordia, Hope Publishing, Lutheran University Press, and Northwestern.

Previously Called Positions:

- Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Marshall WI, 2018 –2021
- Pastor, Atonement Lutheran, Beloit, WI, 2016 - 2018
- Associate in Ministry, Luther Memorial, Madison WI, 2014 - 2016

Pastor Raabe's complete musical setting of a Christian funeral liturgy, *Life Is Ours Eternally*, was presented at the 2010 Valparaiso University Institute for Liturgical Studies (ILS). Nancy's musical compositions for the baptism liturgy were featured at the 2018 ILS.

In November 2015, Nancy Raabe received the Award of the Concordia Historical Institute recognizing the importance of her book, *Carl Schalk: A Life in Song*, in carrying forward the legacy of the Lutheran Church in this country.

Pastor Raabe's original arrangement of *I Dream A World* was a finalist for first prize at the 2010 Ithaca College Choral Composition Festival.

Nancy M Raabe is a *Phi Beta Kappa* graduate of Pomona College in music, and of Trinity Lutheran Seminary (OH) with two graduate degrees in theology. Nancy completed the requirements for her ordination at Wartburg Theological Seminary (IA). She also is a doctoral candidate in musicology at Brandeis University.

Nancy was the classical music critic for the *Milwaukee Sentinel* and for the *Birmingham News*. Her articles also have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *American Music Guide*, *Opera News*, *Columbus Dispatch*, and *Playbill*.

Nancy M Raabe was the Communications chair of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. She was the founding editor of the Association's newsletter *In Tempo*, in which appeared her column *Prairie View*. Her monthly column *Faith and Culture* appeared in the *Beloit Daily News*.

Rev Nancy M Raabe lives in Madison, Wisconsin with her

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husband Bill Raabe. They have two adult children, daughter Margaret (Philadelphia), and son Martin (Minneapolis).

In August 2018, Margaret Raabe married Greg Van Horn.

In May 2020, Martin Raabe married Bekah Engstrand.

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*I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy ... for all of you,
because of your sharing in the gospel
from the first day until now.
I am confident of this,
that the one who began a good work among you
will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:3-6*

Dear Friends,

Some of you have been asking: What happens to an Interim Pastor when the new Pastor is called? Does she disappear under cover of darkness? Or turn into a pumpkin? ***Are we suddenly not allowed to talk to you, either?!?***

I want you to know that I rejoice with you!

Our work over these past two years – self-study of the congregation; call process; waiting for the right candidates – all of it has been for this right moment, God's right time. We don't expect perfection, is what I want to say. You are not calling Jesus! But I feel your excitement: How things that are important to Grace that got articulated in the study process that are now coming to fruition make you smile, are fueling your excitement. This is as it should be. I thank God that our work together is being fulfilled in this way!

Pr Raabe is moving to Hatfield! She'll begin July 5th. Thanks be to God!

I will not turn into a pumpkin or disappear, but will be able to take a break for a year as I recover from a difficult year. Kent and I will also be working on moving our son Nate into Supported Housing. When I know what is next in my ministry,

I'll send a message along to Grace to let you know.

Is it just some silly rule that says we can't talk to each other? No.

We have entered each other's lives deeply and shared much in the time we have been together. I carry wonderful memories with me, and such gratitude for the work we've done together, the people I've shared that work with, the experiences we've shared, the insights that surprised us along the way, the baptisms of these last few months, and the achievements we marked together. No one can take these from us. But I will no longer be your pastor – that is the bittersweet reality of this parting. It is time for me to move out of the way now so that you can move on with these experiences as part of your foundation for the ministry that is yet to come with Pr. Raabe, with a mix of leaders, including some new ones, who are in place, and with people who have not yet even arrived.

I feel so hopeful about Grace, moving forward! I will be listening for news of your ministries! I am grateful at what we were able to accomplish in our time together, and I will remember you with much affection.

While I will no longer be your pastor, if there is any way that your pastor or leaders ever need to consult with me, or ask for my assistance, I would do the best I could to respond to their request.

In the meantime, if you want to share some news about your family or about something in the ministry that we worked on together in the ministry, please do. My address is in the church directory; my number has not changed. If I am able to answer, I will. If not, know that I am grateful to be remembered.

These kinds of endings are bittersweet. But we are surrounded in our parting from each other by many signs of the One who loves us, who calls us to life and service – Jesus Christ, in whose name we serve.

I thank our God when I think of you!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Janet S. Peterman
Interim Pastor



Minister of Music

This month I finally decided I would get the COVID vaccine. I openly share this because I've been on the fence about it. As you may or may not know, the vaccine is not FDA approved but is "authorized" for use. I looked it up on the government website and its been in the news lately.

"The FDA may issue an Emergency use authorization when the agency's scientific experts have determined that the known and potential benefits of the vaccine outweigh its known and potential risks."

Interestingly, today I saw a video of someone putting a magnet over the area where they got the injection. I tried it.. it worked, the magnet stuck to my arm where I received the vaccination. I haven't decided what this means to me but now I'm not only vaccinated but also a magnet or now contain something more than I expected.

More than expected is in a way how I'm feeling about our new Pastor (in a very good way). I've had many folks ask questions about my feelings of our Pastor's interest in music. At the meet and greet on May 1st, Pastor Raabe told us how she had a career as a music critic. I will defer to Pastor to expand more on this type of work, but it is work that involves much thought and consideration. Music impacts the listener and as the musicians play, the inviting presentation of the character of the music becomes impressionable (or not). Given the broad history and many styles of music, Pastor Raabe obviously loves music. My impression is that since she also likes to write music and lyrics, the importance of the text is very important to her. The music and especially text of a hymn will probably be something you can expect to hear her speak about in church. It is my thought that the music tune sometimes seems to be the driving force to which we might say "I like that song" at first listen. In most cases, the text is really the ground for the music. So the music is a vehicle for the text. I don't want to get too deep here, but just know that I think Pastor Raabe is much like a great hymn.. she has something to say and will lead us together in a unified and loving way. Great things will happen for Grace and I hope you can say "I like this Pastor!"

Enjoy the beautiful days and the many things that bless you.

Kevin

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), Joyce Salter, Terry Stringfellow, (friend of Dale and Mary Jane Moyer), Hazel Mascaro, Ruthann Rex (Kathy Stawasz' mom), Rich Woltmann, Peggy Long, Judith Stangl (John's sister), Lorraine Snyder, Vickie West, Marilyn Forst, Bob Rufe (Mary Jane Moyer's brother), Terri Markowski, Loretta Seiler, Bailey Vinson (Liz Bauer's great-granddaughter), Sandy Klinger, Chuck & Linda Arkins (H3C friends), Helen Godshall, John Stangl, Dale & Mary Jane Moyer, Dave Kunkel, Sue Wieland, Sue & Faith Rowbottom, Joy, Gary & Nicky Torgeson

For all who Grieve, including the family and friends of:

Bob Darde, Al Godshall, Margaret Ann Berman (MJ Moyer's family), Carol Capanear, Jim Markowski, Scott Ball, Joan Amundsen, Marge Walmsley (Bruce Schmidt's cousin), Ken Seiler, Sr (Ken's dad), Andrew Sobolusky (neighbor of Liz & Tom), Robyn Gibson (Phyllis McKeefrey's stepdaughter)

Lost to Covid: John Cisler (Rich Woltmann's cousin)

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

For our prayers supporting the
grieving among us,
we hold the names of loved ones
for 3 months
together publicly.



The Central Philadelphia (Korean) Church will be worshiping in the Wagner House on Sundays at 11:00 am following CDC best practices.

Tues. are Bread Drop Sandwich Days. The coolers will be out 8am-7pm.

Wed. are Yoga classes @6pm Outdoors, weather permitting, until June 23rd.

Scouts meet each Thursday—Lion Den at 6pm and Bear Den at 6:30pm

Tue, Jun 1, 2021 7:00pm Stitchers

Wed, Jun 2 2021 10:00am WELCA

Sun Jun 6, 2021 9:15am Worship/Communion Service—Farewell Pastor

Tue, Jun 8, 2021 7:00pm Property Team Meeting
7:00pm Worship and Music (Zoom)

Sun Jun 13 2021 9:15am Worship Service

Mon Jun 14, 2021 7:30pm Christian Connections (Zoom)

Tue Jun 15, 2021 7:00pm Council in person with Zoom option

Sun, Jun 20 2021 9:15am Worship Service—Parish News articles due

Tue Jun 22, 2021 7:00pm INreach (Zoom)

Wed Jun 23, 2021 7:00pm HEART (new) Team (Zoom)

Sun, Jun 27 2021 9:15am Communion Service

Tue, Jun 29, 2021 Parish News Mailing

Looking ahead:

Sun July 4, 2021 9:15am Worship Service

Sun, July 11, 2021 9:15am Worship—Pastor Raabe's First Service

Above are the events we are aware of at the time of the Parish News printing, events may be added or updated depending on the COVID-19 situation.



Date	Ushers/ Acolyte/carry basket when there is com- munion (Kay Stone)	Lector (Kathy Stawasz)	Communion Assistant (1st and 4th Sundays) (Kathy Sta- wasz)	Service Leader / Announce- ments	Video Re- corder (Harold Schaefer)
6/6/2021	Harold Schaefer/ Jeff Kroust	Richard Badman	Jaime Snyder	n/a	Harold Schaefer
6/13/2021	Karen & Ken Seiler	Richard Badman	n/a	Peggy Schmidt	Harold Schaefer
6/20/2021	Kathy Stawasz / Bob Smyrl	Kathy Stawasz	n/a	Peggy Schmidt	Dan & Tami Sarm
6/27/2021	Don Capanear / Kay Stone	Frank Stone	Crystal Tula	Peggy Schmidt	TBD

Council Sender for June: Jean Shaffer

WELCA

WELCA Ladies, it's hard to believe that our June meeting is the last one for this school year. I hope you will be able to join us. We will be having a short meeting. Then, something new for this year, we will be going out for lunch. We are going to Applebee's and we plan to sit outside in their tent. I hope you can join us. Everyone is invited. The meeting is at 10am. Take care, Barb

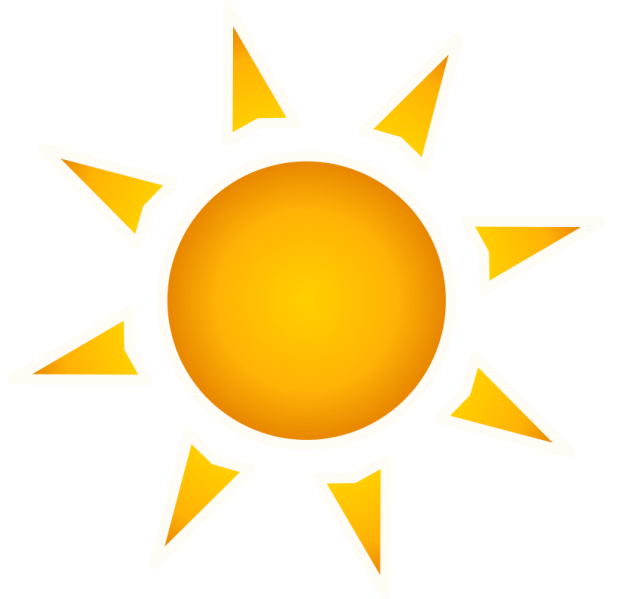


Photo Policy : *We may be taking photos or video recordings during Grace events. You will be giving your consent that any pictures and/or video taken may be published and/or distributed by Grace Lutheran Church (i.e. Facebook, website, promotional materials) by attending these events. Please let the Pastor or a Church Council member know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.*

How Can You Contribute to *Grace Notes*?

Grace Notes is the weekly emailing sent to members and friends of Grace each week leading into Sunday. It's also available in print forms each Sunday for those attending worship in person. *Grace Notes* is usually sent out on Thursdays. It is legal-sized, one page, back/front. It features photographs from around the congregation on the front side, a calendar of the coming week's events, staff contact information and ways for people to become involved in ministries of the congregation. Deadline for submitting information to the office for inclusion is Wednesday morning at 9 am. Email is preferred: graceassistant40@gmail.com, though it is also possible to send or drop off a paper copy of announcements in the office.

People across Grace are welcome to submit materials to include in *Grace Notes*. Announcements should be brief, no more than a paragraph or two. It is helpful if they are forward looking to events to come, or brief thanks for past events. When sending pictures, send several choices, if possible, though we may only be able to use one. Imagine with us specific ways that people could be involved (an usher is needed, for example) and how people would "sign up" (email ____ if you are interested...) Let's show forth the breadth and variety of Grace's ministries in the weekly email sent out about Grace. Do you have something to show?

Stepping Stones Update

Hard to believe we're about to be in June and saying goodbye to another school year! We've made many new friends this year and, as I would like to think, have built quite the family. We will be sad to see children graduate but proud to see them grow and move onto the next milestone in their lives! Camp will be starting on June 21st and we can't wait to welcome this group into our school! Camp will be taking place in a "fold up" classroom this year as we will be utilizing the fellowship hall for the 10 week period. All equipment and furniture have been designed for quick and easy storage and clean up! We're excited to show you how we're going to re-use this space! Looking forward to sharing the Summer with you!

Jessica



To the Right is Pastor Raabe at a very wet Phillies versus Milwaukee Brewers game with her daughter Margaret and son-in-law Greg



Bread Drop PB & J Sandwiches still continuing Instructions (Tuesdays are drop-off days: 8am-7pm)

- You make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on soft *white* bread and put them in ZIPLOC bags, 1 sandwich per bag. Use cheap white bread with gobs of PB and J. A loaf will get you nine sandwiches. Please consider buying two loaves.
- The cooler will be at the entrance to Grace all day each TUESDAY. Leave your donation in the labeled coolers between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm
- Please email Jelly Czar lou.farrell@gmail.com or text/call Lou at 215-353-

Address Changes:

Kitty Heckler has moved temporarily, until mid-June, with her daughter Donna Galbraith and her husband Todd, until her apartment at Deer Run on Schwab Rd is ready. Mailing address available if you contact the church office [215-855-4676; graceassistant40@gmail.com]

For June, Peggy Long moves to be with her son Scott and his wife Cathy as she continues her treatment. You may want to send her a card, her address is available from the church office [215-855-4676; graceassistant40@gmail.com].



Do you know any graduates in the congregation? At any level? We're gathering the names of graduates to acknowledge in Grace Notes and in our prayers. Please send a message to the church office [215-855-4676; graceassistant40@gmail.com] with the graduate's name, school, level of graduation, and future plans, if known. Thank you!

Thank You's Received

A big thank you to my Grace Family, to everyone who sent me cards for my 87th Birthday ! Dee Mancuso

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Thanks to everyone at Grace for their prayers and cards. Hope to see everyone soon. Phyllis McKeefrey



THANK YOU to everyone who purchased carnations for our Mother's Day Project. The pink and white carnations looked beautiful by the altar. The funds from this project help Laurel House provide much needed services to the victims of domestic violence. Thanks for your generosity!!

The Giving in Service Team

Emergency Pastoral info for June

Between June 6th and July 4th in the event of a pastoral emergency please contact Council Member Joyce Salter. She will contact Pastor John Heidgerd of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton who will provide coverage during this time.

Pastor Peterman's last day in the office will be Thursday, June 3rd. If you would like to have time with her before she leaves, please contact the church office before the end of May to schedule a visit or call.

(Pastor Raabe will be moving to Hatfield in mid-June, and plans to start July 5th. Her first Sunday will be July 11th.)

John and Jean Weierman Celebrate 70 years of Marriage!

God's richest blessings on Jean and John Weierman, who celebrate 70 years of marriage on June 23! Your Grace family celebrates with you! Should you want to send a card contact the church office for their address [215-855-4676; graceassistant40@gmail.com]



John and Jean in 2016, at their grandson's wedding

The Weierman's wedding day, in
Grace's original sanctuary!
70 years ago

Time for a Check-up

If you are like me, this year has included hearing about some historical events that were not in the textbooks used in school. Some of this history has been hard to hear, and I can see why people were tempted to leave it out. But in Isabel Wilkerson's book "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents", she makes a helpful analogy:

"When we go to the doctor, he or she will not begin to treat us without taking our history - and not just our history, but that of our parents and grandparents before us... The doctor will not hazard a diagnosis until he or she knows the history going back generations."

She goes on to remind us that we don't benefit by denying the full truth of our medical history. That information is necessary to make good decisions that will impact our future health. The same can be said for the difficult history around race in the United States.

"Looking beneath the history of one's country is like learning that alcoholism or depression runs in one's family or... discovering that one has inherited the markers of a BRCA mutation for breast cancer. You don't ball up in a corner with guilt or shame at these discoveries. You don't, if you are wise, forbid any mention of these. In fact, you do the opposite. You educate yourself."

If you don't have any idea what I am talking about, there is a good chance that you also were denied a few chapters in the history you learned in school. There is a wealth of information out there. For the future health of the country, I would encourage you to join me in exploring the history of race in America. Like a trip to the doctor's office, it can be uncomfortable, but if we want to heal the disease that we are experiencing as a nation, it's time to fill in the gaps in American history.

– The Rev. Serena Sellers, a member of the Anti-racism Team, is pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kulpsville

Questions, comments and suggestions – email them to antiracism@sepa.org

Food Ministries: Sources of Food Food Cupboard Distribution

Emmanuel EEC food cupboard (100 S Main Street)

Open: Tuesday afternoons 1:00-2:00 pm: June 1 & 15

Tuesday evenings 5:30-6:30 pm: June 8, 15, & 29

Hatfield Church of the Brethren (1333 Cowpath): Is currently opened by appointment only. Contact Pastor Clay at Hatfieldfoodbank@yahoo.com to make an appointment.

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



YOGA (Hatha) Continues. Class will continue on Wednesdays, from **6-7 pm**. All-levels. Poses and sequences will work on using all parts of the body, and will vary from week to week. The goal is to work on strength and flexibility gradually while gaining an ability to focus on breath and awareness. MASKS must be worn. This season's last class will be 6/23 with plans to start up again in September

COST: \$5/class fee will be donated to Sanctuary Village (make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church)

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

EEC Food Cupboard UPDATES...

Food cupboard needs continue to grow as more Hatfield residents line up each week to receive supplemental food items. Please know that your donations are a HUGE blessing to so many!

Latest Needs:

- granulated sugar
- flour
- fruit jelly or preserves - NOT grape (have plenty!)
- Hamburger Helper
- egg noodles
- bread crumbs
- 100% fruit juice
- laundry detergent
- dishwashing liquid
- 13 gallon kitchen trash bags



Upcoming distribution dates & times:

Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm: June 1 & 15; July 6 & 20

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm: June 8, 15, & 29; July 13 & 27

Volunteers are NEEDED! There is so much that needs to be done, but, please know that if you can spare an hour or two each month to help out, social distancing measures and strong covid protocols are in place for everyone's protection.

No customers are allowed inside the building

Customers call to get their place in line and an sheet and clipboard is brought to their car for them to complete

All volunteers wear masks, use hand sanitizer regularly, and wipe down surfaces with disinfectant

Volunteers can choose to do any of the following: fill orders, weigh items, take groceries out to customer's cars, or just stock the shelves.

The food cupboard is open to all Hatfield borough residents, so please reach out if you, or someone you know, would benefit from receiving supplemental food pantry items. Messages for Janet Hague can be left at 215-855-2540; foodcupboard@yahoo.com. You can also call/email for more information.



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Stepping Stones(215-369-2052)
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Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music

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June 6 Farewell to Pastor Peterman

June 20 Father's Day



See Important Details Inside or go to:

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