

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

GRACE NOTES

January 2nd -Second Sunday of Christmas

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome to Grace! We have returned to our worship schedule for Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am with communion now on the first and third Sundays.

Find Grace Worship Online

Go online in any way (phone, tablet, or computer). 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!

Mask Up: We require the use of face masks in the building by all members and community groups. Please closely observe other safety measures to which we are accustomed.

The Flowers on the altar are provided to the glory of God by Karen Heacock, in honor of Robert Corry Szakal, on his birthday.

For flower sponsors, please take your flowers home after worship if you want them!

There is no sponsor for the Bulletins this week.

The Eternal Light Candle is provided to the Glory of God by Lisa Boyer in honor of her eleven grandchildren.

Communion Cards: Please fill out a communion card. We maintain records of those who commune.

We often take photos or video recordings during Grace Events. You are 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 Raabe know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.





Our traditional expression of New Year's greetings has been tempered once again by concern for our Grace family and the community in the midst of this new chapter of the pandemic. I am now fully recovered, but my own period of isolation gave me a lot of time to reflect on the dazzling abundance of life, even in the midst of illness and death, that comes to us in a never-ending stream from the God to whom we sing: "Thou art giving and forgiving,/ ever blessing, ever blest!" I am beyond grateful for the gifted worship leaders who gave you a full experience of Christmas Eve, and pray for each of you to remain safe as we navigate through these choppy waters. We are church—together!

Yours in Emmanuel, God-with-us, *Pastor Raabe*

Annual Report

As a reminder, it's time for planning the Annual Report. Please be advised that the due date for submitting information for the report will be January7,2022. Please send reports to the office at graceassistant40@gmail.com. Thank you!

Dear Members of Grace and Welca,

Thank you so much for your Christmas cards and notes. It is always nice to hear from old friends. The tin of cookies from Welca was a special surprise and treat. They were all delicious and much appreciated. It was also nice to see some of you in person on Christmas Eve. God's Blessings to all for a healthy New Year, Mary Jane Slugg

We are greatly saddened by the death of our dear sister in Christ, Betty Murray, late on Christmas Eve. Her funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 7, at Reed and Steinbach, 2335 Lower State Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901, (215) 348-4543, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. There are no restrictions at present on how many may attend but the family requests that all wear face masks. As difficult as it is while we grieve, please also observe proper social distancing. A memorial service for Betty here at Grace is being planned and the date will be shared soon.

COVID Update: We all know by now that the current variant of the virus is highly transmissible and that our past safety practices are no guarantee of continued health going forward. So, while you are in the building, PLEASE wear your mask tightly over your mouth and nose, and refrain from visiting with fellow worshipers before, during or after the service. Please also sit in staggered rows and at least four pew chairs apart from the next family group. We are fortunate that our milder winter climate allows us to socialize outside where it is safe.

Due to safety concerns, your Thrivent/Faith Build fundraising team has decided to postpone the drivethrough spaghetti dinner originally planned for January 13. We will reschedule this when we feel it is safe. Thanks for your support, and stay tuned! You can still donate to our drive to support the Faith Build project on Cowpath Rd. by going to this web address: https://bit.ly/3sG6NUw. We are already one tenth of the way to our goal!

Congratulations to Lou Farrell and Bread Drop for receiving a \$5,000 Forward in Faith grant from our Synod to purchase two new larger refrigerators! ©

Beer Tasting Fundraiser



The beer-tasting fundraiser to benefit Sanctuary Village will proceed as planned in the Grace parking lot, as it is an outdoor event! Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 22 from 3-5 p.m. Lou Farrell will guide us through the complexity of various brews. A \$40 donation is requested. Purchase in

advance by contacting to Cathy Farrell or go to www.tinyhousecommunity.org.

This Week at Grace

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Sunday, January 2	Second Sunday of Christmas
8:00 am	Worship/Communion
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship/Communion
Monday - Friday	
7:00 am - 5:30 pm	Stepping Stones Day Care
Tuesday, January 4	
8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Bread Drop Sandwiches
7:00 pm	Stitchers
Wed., January 5	
10:00 am	WELCA
1:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:15 pm	Yoga
Friday, January 7	Annual Team Reports Due
7:00 pm	Cub Pack 510 Meeting
Sunday, January 9	Third Sunday of Christmas
8:00 am	Worship
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship

Christmas Eve Services, 12/24/21

Attendance: 4:00 pm- 51; 6:30 pm- 14; 9:00 pm- 23 General Fund - \$1,380 Capital Fund - \$145 Christmas - \$1,710 (incomplete) + + + + + + + + + + + + +

Serving Schedule for Worship Sunday, January 2, 2022

Lectors: 8:00 am, Bruce Schmidt; 10:30 am, Jaime Snyder

Ushers: 8:00 am, Don Capanear

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am, Bruce Schmidt; 10:30 am, Jaime Snyder

Altar Guild: 8:00 am, Janice Swartz Acolyte: 10:30 am, Lennon Kaler

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

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<u>The new 2022 sign-up sheets</u> for the Bulletin sponsors and Eternal Light Candle sponsors are now available for use in the Narthex. Please consider sponsoring in memory or in honor of family and friends. Thank you!

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<u>2022 Altar flower sponsors needed</u>. *Several weeks in January are still available*. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. Questions contact Kathy Stawasz.

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are available in the narthex. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. Please take your envelopes with you. Do NOT use these new envelopes until 2022. If you have a problem or cannot find your envelopes, please call the church office.

Wanted: Coffee hour helpers for set up and/or clean up each Sunday and Worship Servers – acolytes, ushers, communion assistants and lectors. Contact Pastor Raabe or Kay Stone

Thrivent Cares T-Shirts

Thrivent Cares T-Shirts are available to anyone who wants one. Pick them up in the Narthex.

YOGA

YOGA BEGINS AGAIN ON 1/5/22 at 6:15 pm.

WHEN: Every Wednesday

WHERE: Grace Fellowship Hall, MASKS must be worn (at this time) if inside

COST: \$5/class (Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran) WHO: Ages 18 and up. Bring your exercise mat (let Kathy know if you need one) <u>Questions</u>: Kathy Stawasz

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The office is open 9 am – noon, Monday to Thursday.

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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, Ron and Karen Hudson, Lisa Kane, Joyce Salter, Terry Stringfellow, (friend of Dale and Mary Jane Moyer), Hazel Mascaro, Jerry Mascaro, Rich Woltmann, Peggy Long, Lorraine Snyder, Vickie West, Merilyn Forst, Bob Rufe (Mary Jane Moyer's brother), Bailey Vinson (Liz Bauer's greatgranddaughter), Sandy Klinger, Chuck & Linda Arkins (H3C friends), Margaret Stangl (John Stangl's mother), Dave Kunkel, Sue & Faith Rowbottom, Joy, Gary & Nicky Torgeson, Janet Williams (Carol MacDonald's mother), the Scarola family (dear friends of Peggy & Bruce Schmidt), Helen Godshall, Debbie Hendricks (cousin of Mary Jane Moyer), Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Ralph Schultz (Karen Seiler's father), Madiafe Sheriff, John Stangl, Christy Skogan (friend of Beth Krout), George Adams (Lincoln Kaler's football coach), Rhonda Wagner Berger (granddaughter of the Wagner property original owners), Emily Detweiler (daughter of Beth Krout's co-worker), Dean Moore, Don Cabrera, Jean Shaffer's daughter's father-in-law, Peg Malloy, Diane Miller, Donna Herman (friend of the Badmans)

For all who grieve, including the family and friends of: Shayna Bergey (neighbor of the Seilers), Betty Murray

For those in active duty military service: Robert McNulty, Marines, Jessica Murphy, Air Force; Matthew Smyrl, Army; Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army National Guard

For active military deployed overseas: Kyle Murphy, Air Force

Food Ministries: Sources of Food Food Cupboard Distribution

The food cupboard at *Emmanuel E.C.* (100 S. Main St., Hatfield. Parking Lot: 24 W. Lincoln Ave. 215.855.2540) **Distributions:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:30

pm. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 1 - 2 pm

Latest needs: Olive (black or green); canned mushrooms; vinegar (16 or 32 oz); dishwashing liquid; laundry detergent; body wash; shampoo; conditioner; razors & shaving cream (men & women's); 13 gallon trash bags; quart or gallon zip top baggies.

Any questions, call or email Carol MacDonald for more information.