



Parish News

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

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2022**

From Pastor Raabe: A Changed World

Our bishop in the Southeastern Synod of Pennsylvania, Rev. Patricia A. Davenport, said it well, as she always does.

“There’s no going fully back to what we had pre-pandemic,” Bishop Davenport told a dozen pastors gathered March 17 on Zoom for the Synod’s weekly conversation with lay and rostered leaders. “The world has fully changed.”

As we move into the third year of the pandemic, we must live into this reality.

“Our hopes and dreams of everyone returning to filling the pews is just not going to happen,” Bishop Davenport continued. “The CEMs [Christmas, Easter, Mother’s Day] will come to church on the high holy days. Other than that, how do we help our congregations that are on a digital platform take it to the next level? We MUST meet those people who are not coming back to in-person worship where they are.”

Like most other congregations who began offering online service options during the pandemic, we at Grace have resolved to continue these. But the Bishop is not saying only that. She is saying: Ramp it up, people.

We are doing that here at Grace. Not only are our Tech and Communications teams constantly working to improve our Sunday morning online service, but since the end of January I have been offering four additional services each week on our Facebook page - Morning Prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 10 a.m., and Compline (Night Prayer) Mondays at 8 p.m. These are 15 minutes or less. If

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you aren't able to join live, you can always watch after the fact. Each remains on our Facebook page for 30 days.

No one believes the entire future of the church lies in the digital realm. We embrace the biblical heart of worship as the gathered body physically together in one place. Our hope as a community of faith springs from the incomparable value of singing together as one voice, praying together as one heart, affirming God's Word together as one confession of faith, and being formed together, in person, as disciples for service to the world.

But we must recognize that there will be more and more people who come to rely on digital means to stay connected to the church. (How sweet it is that they *want* to stay connected!) And I am increasingly convinced that digital space IS a "place," in ways that remain a mystery. I believe that in our changed world we are being called to live into this mystery in the spirit of confidence and trust, just as we already live into the mystery of the real presence of Christ's body and blood "in, with, and under" the elements of bread and wine in Holy Communion.

For most of those who worship digitally, it is not simply a choice of convenience. If you *could* come, wouldn't you? It's so much more fun! You get to see people! You can experience the amazing nuance and power, in your bones, of our new organ! And it's good to note that our online worshippers are not only the homebound. They also include those for whom travel is difficult (who don't drive or have a ride) or who live at too great a distance; those with mobility issues that make getting to church, and getting in and out, too formidable an undertaking; and those for whom their health or the pandemic remain leading concerns.

What Bishop Davenport is saying is that we must meet these faithful people where they are, using all the means at our disposal to make worship friendly, engaging, efficient, and lively. In that spirit, look for continuing tweaks, changes, and even major improvements to all of our online worship options. The world is constantly changing, so why shouldn't we? As a footnote, a big thank you to the 15 who completed our online worship survey last month. Your responses are very helpful.

Why am I writing about this when I could be talking about Easter? Because we are *living* Easter. We are living death and rebirth, meaning the death of the old and the birth of the new. The church isn't dying, it's evolving. And it's happening a lot faster than pundits thought it would. Ten years ago people started talking about "the great emergence," that upheaval through which Christianity

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seems to go every 500 years (last one: Martin Luther in 1517) and how the church was due for another big upheaval. Just as we were kind of, sort of, trying on for size the idea of doing things differently, along came the pandemic barreling at us like a 10-ton semi run amok, turning every expectation for an orderly transformation of the church inside out and upside down like a truckload of chickens that all got loose on the turnpike. This changed our world, and it is changing us.

To survive and thrive we must let go of the ideal of the past and open ourselves to being blown about and reshaped by the Holy Spirit's creating, re-creating power. Where are you in the midst of this upheaval? What ideas do you have for us? I am right here at the other end of a phone call or email or text or an in-person visit, just waiting to hear from you.

In the glory the resurrection dawn,

Pastor Raabe

From our Minister of Music

It won't be long until the warm weather settles in and we can enjoy days without a coat, not to mention, no more masks. It's really been quite a journey with regard to COVID hasn't it? I caught a small segment of the news a few days ago and there was a little girl and her mother taking off their masks when the little girl seemed out of sorts because she, at such a young age, has become accustomed to always wearing a mask as she knew daily life as a kid. Well, those moments hopefully will pass and the worries about COVID become less of a concern as we navigate ways to manage.



With mask mandates being lifted, we at Grace recently resolved to have masks optional at our worship services. It's very important though to know that we encourage anyone to wear a mask if you feel it's important to you. Pastor will have more to offer on any thoughts and concerns but please know how much I respect the needs of everyone. I will most likely wear a mask for a while as I have asthma and pretty bad allergies and

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just feel more comfortable with a mask in some settings.

I am glad to tell you that we are planning to see the return toward our normal worship elements for communion, having an Offertory and adding a sending hymn! I especially hope that all we do and sing in worship is greatly enhanced with our new organ. A special part of the new organ is its ability to provide "surround" sound as well as being able to play "virtual" pipe organs from around the world. This is something I can expand on as we get closer to finishing the organ project. If you are curious about it, take a look on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "Hauptwerk virtual organs." While there are many instances of these, you will find ones that are more informational and many that feature organists playing "virtual pipe organs." All of this technology is a flexible option and being mindful of cost. The sound we will experience will be the closest to the sound of a real pipe organ. I'm very excited to play more music and sing more hymns!

Kevin

WINE TASTING—May 7, 7 PM

Plan to attend our Wine Tasting on Saturday, May 7 at 7 pm in the Grace Fellowship Hall. We will be tasting 6 wines from One Hope Winery from Napa Valley, California. There is a \$10 per person tasting fee to defray expenses for wine and snacks. All wines will be available for



purchase directly from the winery on the evening of the event. (Please note that you can purchase wines now and for up to 3 weeks after the tasting event in case you are not able to attend the tasting. Just go to the website for our fund raiser : www.onehopewine/event/128467). Grace will receive 10% of all purchases for credit to our Faith Build fund raiser. Watch for the registration material in the Narthex in early April.

Call or email Frank Stone for reservations or information.

The Central Philadelphia (Korean) Church will be worshiping on Sundays at noon in the Sanctuary.

Tues. are Bread Drop Sandwich Days. The coolers will be out 8am-7pm.
Wednesday at 6:15pm is Yoga in the Fellowship Hall

Join Pastor Raabe every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 10 a.m. on Zoom for **Morning Prayer** and Monday's at 8pm for **Compline** (Night Prayer) on Facebook

Fri Apr 1, 2022 7:00pm Cub Pack 510 Meeting

Sun Apr 3, 2022 8:00am **Worship Service / Communion**
9:15am Sunday School with 9:30 Zoom Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service / Communion
Tue Apr 5, 2022 7:00pm Stitchers
7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting
Wed Apr 6, 2022 10:00am WELCA
1:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Sat Apr 9, 2022 2:00pm Community Easter Egg Hunt
7:00pm Music Café planning

Sun Apr 10, 2022 Palm Sunday
8:00am Worship Service / Communion
9:15am Sunday School with 9:30 Zoom Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service / Communion
Tue Apr 12, 2022 7:00pm Property Team Meeting
Wed Apr 13, 2022 Parish News Articles Due
Thu Apr 14, 2022 noon Maundy Thursday Worship / Communion
7:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship / Communion
Fri Apr 15, 2022 Good Friday—Stepping Stones Closed
Noon Good Friday Service
7:30pm Good Friday Service

Sun Apr 17, 2022 EASTER! He is Risen!
8:00am Worship Service / Communion
9:15am NO Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service / Communion
Mon Apr 18, 2022 7:00pm Stepping Stones Committee Meeting
Tue Apr 19, 2022 7:00pm Council Meeting (Zoom option)
Wed Apr 20, 2022 1:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thu Apr 21, 2022	7:00pm	Cub Pack 510 Committee Meeting
Sat Apr 23, 2022	7:00pm	Music Café workshop
Sun Apr 24, 2022	8:00am	Worship Service
	9:15am	Sunday School with 9:30 Zoom Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Worship Service
	Noon	Stitch-In
Tue Apr 26, 2022		Parish News Compiled
	7:00pm	INReach meeting
Wed Apr 27, 2022	1:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	HEART Meeting

BOOKS FOR BABIES~

After a 2 year hiatus due to Covid , we are back!!! Mitzvah Circle continues to support families in need and has a special bag for the babies. H3C, Hatfield Community Christian Coalition, is sponsoring a Book Drive, BOOKS FOR BABIES, from April 4th through Mother's Day, May 8th. All of the books collected will be delivered to Mitzvah Circle Foundation after Mother's Day. We are collecting new and gently used books for all ages of children and especially cardboard books for babies.



Mitizvah Circle Foundation meets critical needs of individuals and families who are struggling with crisis, poverty, homelessness and serious illness in our local neighborhoods. One of the projects they support is a Baby Diaper Supply Bag that includes diapers, baby wash, wipes and books for babies.

Mitzvah Circle Foundation sends a children's hard-backed cardboard book four times a year to the youngest children- infants through 2 year olds. They have discovered there is only one book for every 300 homes who are under the poverty line in America. Giving these books to the children in every Baby Diaper Supply Bag gets books into the hands of the most vulnerable children.

Look for a marked bin in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact MC Reilly.

Laymen Playmen

This has been a “Come Back” year for Laymen Playmen since Covid dictated so much of our decisions for the past two years. When Pastor Raabe conducted the blessing for the 2022 production and members this year, she asked for those who had ever participated in Laymen Playmen to stand. I would like to take this idea one step further. If you ever supported one of our productions by being on the stage, being a crew member, were an angel feeding us all, sewed costumes, bought a ticket, gave a financial donation to sponsor an ad or patron, donated clothing for costumes, or in any manner supported Laymen Playmen, raise your hand. You are indeed, all part of our mission to help those who are financially insecure in our Hatfield Community and surrounding communities. We could never have been successful without all of you. Your support has helped more than we will ever know and continues to do so.

As quoted from our current President, Fred Wiesinger, “Our past President of this organization, Dave Krum, would always say ‘every year we face challenges that seem insurmountable, the fact that we have gotten through them all attests to the fact that we are indeed doing this for all the right reasons.’ We, The Laymen Playmen, come here to perform, to entertain, and above all to change lives. But our mission can only move forward with the help of you, our audience. Through your purchase of a ticket to this show, there are families who are warm and safe in their homes tonight right here in the North Penn area.”

We also wanted to send Bonnie and John Stangl off to their retirement home with a huge thank you for all of their faithful service to Laymen Playmen. “John and Bonnie have been a staple within The Laymen Playmen since we first started all those years ago. They have been very active behind the scenes from ticket sales to lights and sound. John has taken us from two small lighting trees and the simple instructions “Don’t burn us down” to the lighting display you see here in the auditorium. As the complexity of our lighting system increased, John developed a computer system that allows us to control all of the lighting. Now that John and Bonnie have both retired, they are moving to a community out in Lebanon to be closer to their daughter Kim. So, Guys and Dolls will be their swan song. John, I will miss those late nights adjusting fixtures and modifying cues. Well to be honest, I’ll miss the comradery and conversations, the late nights, not so much. We will certainly miss their contributions to Laymen Playmen that have allowed us to grow over these past 35 years. Sail on Sail on...”

Thank you all for of your support over the 35 years. “Bless be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love.”

Prayers:

Please let Pastor Raabe know if you would like someone added to this list, or if someone you have added is no longer in need of urgent prayers.

In Our Prayers: Bob Kaler, Suzanne Colville, Pam Matolicz, Paige Haldeman, Nancy Sellers, Liz Bauer, Doug Boldon, Carol Buffone, Cassi Lambert, Kristopher Yoder, Annette Beyer, Cindy Kunkel, Ron and Karen Hudson, Lisa Kane, Joyce Salter, Hazel Mascaro, Jerry Mascaro, Rich Woltmann, Peggy Long, Lorraine Snyder, Vickie West, Marilyn Forst, Bob Rufe (Mary Jane Moyer's brother), Bailey Vinson (Liz Bauer's great-granddaughter), Sandy Klinger, Chuck & Linda Arkins (H3C friends), Dave Kunkel, Sue & Faith Rowbottom, 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, Gerry Mason, 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, Lisa Boyer, Diane Miller, Donna Herman (friend of the Badmans), Judith Stangl (John's sister), Johanna Lonie (Tami Sarm's niece), Whitney Buterbaugh (close friend of MC and Bob Reilly's daughter), Daniel Hopwood (Tom Hopwood's son)

For all who grieve, including the family and friends of: Betty Murray, Margaret Stangl (John Stangl's mother), and Terry Stringfellow (friend of Dale and Mary Jane Moyer).

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

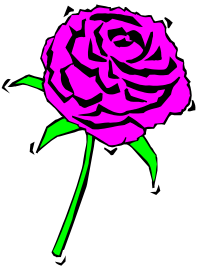


Saturday April 9th 7-9 PM: Music Café planning with Dan Sarm, a get-together to share ideas and socialize.

Saturday April 23rd 7-8 PM: Music Café workshop, "Ukulele 101" with Sean Naylor from George's Music in North Wales. Try one out or bring your own, and we might even practice a song or two together! Fun for all ages.

Spring "Stitch-In"

The spring Stitch-In is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 from 12:30-4:00 pm. For reservations and/or questions, please contact Peggy Schmidt or Wendy Walter



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th



Honoring and remembering our mothers is a Grace Church Tradition. Pink Carnations honor our mothers and White Carnations remember our mothers who are no longer with us. In addition, you may choose to purchase a silk sunflower in honor or memory of our mothers. The funds from our project will be sent to the ELCA Disaster Response to aid the refugees throughout Eastern Europe due to the crisis in Ukraine.

Orders are due by Sunday, May 1st

An order form is included in this newsletter. Please put your order in an envelope marked Mother's Day Carnations. Place in the offering plate or the basket in the narthex. Orders may also be mailed to the church office or placed in the mailbox outside the main entrance to Grace. OR email Kay Stone.

Mask Update: At its meeting on March 15 the Grace Congregation Council voted to affirm Worship and Music's recommendation that, effective March 20, the use of face masks in the building will be made optional. While no longer required, masks continue to be strongly recommended for those who are unvaccinated or in high-risk health categories. Please be advised that if the pandemic risk increases, the mask policy may be reinstated at any time. As always, if you are feeling ill in any way, please stay home and watch our services online if you are able. Thank you, and be safe!

Wow! Our **Birdhouse Silent Auction** raised \$472 for the Thrivent/Habitat Faith Build project! Thanks to all of the bidders and also those who donated. If you are a winner, you should have received an email or phone call by now. Pick up your new bird homes on Sunday or anytime after in a bag that has been beautifully decorated by our youth. Thanks to our Sunday School and parent leaders for all their work on this project! It was a wonderful group effort.

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Date	Altar Guild	Communion Assistant	Lector	Alcolyte	Ushers
Early Service					
04/03/22	Laura Kratz	TBD	TBD	Usher	Bob Smyrl/Don Capanear
04/10/22	Laura Kratz	The Seilers	Peggy Schmidt	Usher	Don Capanear/ Ken Seiler
04/14/22	Laura Kratz	TBD	TBD	Usher	TBD
04/15/22	NA	NA	TBD	Usher	TBD
04/17/22	Laura Kratz	The Seilers	Peggy Schmidt	Usher	Don Capanear/ The Seilers
04/24/22	N/A	N/A	Walter Family	Usher	Walter Family
Late Service					
04/03/22	Kay Stone & Tami Sarm	Bob Reilly	Jayson Tula	Cristiano Tula	Kay Deussing/ Kathy Stawasz
04/10/22	Kay Stone & Tami Sarm	Frank Stone	Richard Badmann	Usher	Kay Stone & Kathy Stawasz
04/14/22	Strip altar	Kathy Stawasz	Jean Shaffer	Usher	Carol Mac-Donald/Kay Deussing
04/15/22	N/A	N/A	Jean Shaffer	Jayson Tula	Kay Deussing/ TBD
04/17/22	Kay Stone & Tami Sarm	TBD	Jean Shaffer	Cristiano Tula	Jeff & Beth Krout
04/24/22	N/A	N/A	The Slugg Family	The Slugg Family	The Slugg Family

Live Streaming at Late Service: Harold Schaefer, Dan and Tami Sarm

Council Senders: Early Service: Don Capanear
Late Service: Jeff Krout

The Great Three Days: The Heart of the Christian Faith

The Three Days of Holy Week--Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil--represent the pinnacle of Christian worship. The events of these days stand not only at the very heart of our faith but also represent some of the richest and most profound rituals of any Christian liturgy. (Here at Grace we do not yet have the Easter Vigil, but perhaps we may consider including that in the coming years.) The services are also filled with words from the readings, especially the words surrounding the absolution and footwashing of Maundy Thursday and the bidding prayer and solemn reproaches of Good Friday,

These liturgies are without question among the most powerful and meaningful services of the year. But with all the words and ritual, is there even a place for preaching? The answer is "Yes." As meaningful as the ritual is, and as many words as there are, there must still be room to make the ritual and readings come alive and for the proclamation of the gospel to be made explicit. For the footwashing of Maundy Thursday, in particular, preaching will unpack this pivotal act of service yet again for the people who hear the story. (Please do not be shy about the footwashing! Just remember to wear footwear that is easy to take off.)

These two services on April 14 and 15 bring to a climactic conclusion the baptismal themes that spanned the season of Lent. The remembrance and celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is our own passage through the baptismal waters to life. Keep in mind that these services unfold as a single movement leading to the Resurrection of Our Lord; without the experiences of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, you will be missing the heart and center of all that Easter means for our lives and for the past, present and future of the world. This is why we offer two options for each of these services, at 12 noon as well as 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday offers rich gifts of multisensory worship. There is visual beauty and simplicity, aural warmth in singing and silence, the gentle touch of warm water as feet or hands are washed, the smell of fresh communion bread, and the taste of the eucharistic meal. This service invites us to lean into themes of embodiment in intercessory prayer: We pray with our bodies as we sing, listen, watch, move, eat, and breathe. With gentle care and the mandate to love one another, we are reminded that God treasures bodies. Our prayers include protection and justice for the bodies of others within and beyond the local community.

In our Good Friday liturgy, the work of intercessory prayer is borne by the ancient bidding prayer. The subject matter of these petitions expands from the local church and community to the whole world. Following the carrying in of a large rough-hewn cross, our Good Friday liturgy also includes the solemn reproaches. Set in the voice of Jesus on the cross, these employ scriptural images by which we confess ways in which we continue to crucify Christ. They also attune us to see Christ in the suffering of others. On this most holy day we also hear the entire story of Jesus' Passion in one sweeping narrative and, in response, raise our hearts to God together in song.

Maundy Thursday: April 14 at 12 and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday: April 15 at 12 and 7:30 p.m.

Adapted from resources in Sundays & Seasons

**Food Ministries: Sources of Food
Food Cupboard Distribution**

Emmanuel EEC food cupboard (100 S Main Street)

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

Tuesday evenings 5:30-6:30 pm: Mar 8 & 22

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*

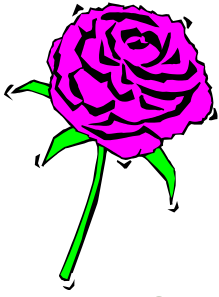
Orders for Easter Lilies are now being taken. The flowers will be used for the Easter Services. The **DEADLINE** for ordering is 4/3/22. The flowers will be tagged with your name and “in memory or in honor of” information. Please place your order form (see narthex or last month’s Parish News) along with your check in the basket marked for Easter flowers in the Narthex. Any questions contact **Kathy Stawasz**.

Stepping Stones Update

Spring has arrived and we are blooming with joy at Stepping Stones! This past month we welcomed our families back into the building to begin dropping off and picking up their own kiddos. It's been such a blessing to finally get to see and talk to our wonderful parents and we couldn't be happier!

We are ramping up for Easter, as well, with Stepping Stones being closed for Good Friday on 4/15. Don't forget to keep an eye out for our special events calendar coming out so you can keep up to date on all the fun happenings here at Stepping Stones. Happy Spring; He is risen, indeed!

Jessica Moran
Director



Mother's Day Carnations

Single Stem Carnations/Silk Sunflower

\$2.50 each for carnation/\$5.00 each for silk sunflower

Orders due Sunday, May 1st

Forms may be placed in the offering plate or display basket, mailed to Grace Church or placed in the mailbox outside the main entrance of Grace.

YOUR NAME _____

White Carnations

(in memory of): Number ordered _____ x \$2.50 = _____

Pink Carnations

(in honor of): Number ordered _____ x \$2.50 = _____

Silk Sunflower: Number ordered _____ x \$5.00 = _____
(in honor of or in memory of)

TOTAL = \$ _____
_____ cash _____ check

*Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church – **memo carnations***

Flowers may be taken home after the worship services on May 8th

PLEASE FILL IN:

In **memory** of: _____

FROM: _____

In **honor** of: _____

FROM: _____

Proceeds benefit the refugees of Ukraine and Eastern Europe

EEC Food Cupboard Update

Thank you for your generous donations! While the client base continues to grow at the EEC, your ongoing offerings are a wonderful blessing for our Hatfield neighbors. We are so grateful to be able to support Janet Hague and her ministry at EEC and appreciate her informative presentation at Grace on March 13th.

Latest Food Needs:

flour, sugar, tuna in oil, ground coffee, tea bags, cold cereal (no oatmeal), pasta and lasagna (no spaghetti), cooking oil, mayonnaise, ketchup, salad dressing

Items that can NOT be purchased with SNAP (formerly "food stamps"):

conditioner, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, men's & women's razors and shaving cream, 13 gal. trash bags, zip-top bags: quart or gallon

Upcoming distribution dates & times:

⇒ Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm : April 5 and 19

⇒ Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm: April 12 and 26

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/household items. Messages for Janet Hague can be left at 215-855-2540;

foodcupboard@yahoo.com.

You can also call/email Carol MacDonald for more information.



If you are in need of pastoral care or are looking for a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe by email; in the office (M-Th 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or 215.855.4676; or on her cell phone 614.214.2639. Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses and hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and joyful events in your life.

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Rice Bowl Project continues through Sunday, April 10th

What is the Rice Bowl? During each Sunday in Lent a special offering is observed for the Rice Bowl. These gifts provide food for many in our neighborhood as well as around the world. **In your offering envelope box, special envelopes are provided for each of the six Sundays in Lent.**

Our gifts will be shared with three organizations. The first is the **Hatfield Food Cupboard** at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church which provides food to those in need in the Hatfield area. The second organization is **Manna on Main Street** in Lansdale which provides food and hot meals for those in the Lansdale area. Finally, we will share a portion of our gifts with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **World Hunger Project**.

It is our hope that you will consider giving your extra gifts by simplifying your life in some way or by making an intentional effort to put others before your needs and wants. The **Rice Bowl** allows small gifts to come together to make a big difference in the lives of those in need. The *Giving in Service Team* encourages you to share part of your grocery budget by serving one simple meal a week and give that savings to the **Rice Bowl**.



Community Easter Egg Hunt:

Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. - annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at Grace. Story time, crafts, and lots of eggs for

WELCA

Ladies, April 6th at 10am will be our next WELCA meeting . We would like to Congratulate Pastor Nancy Raabe and Bill on their wedding Anniversary . This month we will be doing Earth Day cards for our homebound members with a special package of flowers seeds for each of them- either to keep or share with a friend. Following that we will continue our Time with The Word by reading more in *Turning Your Heart Toward God*. Of course followed by lunch, this month we will be going out for lunch (Dutch Treat) which is always fun. We will be going to Ralph's Corner Diner. If anyone else would like to join us please give me a call, Barb Watts. We always like seeing new faces. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Take care and stay safe, Barb



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April 2022

- April 9** **Community Easter Egg Hunt**
- April 10** **Palm Sunday**
- April 14** **Maundy Thursday**
- April 15** **Good Friday**
- April 17** **Easter—He is Risen!**
- April 23** **Music Café**



See Important Details Inside or go to:
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