



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

GRACE NOTES

March 20th -The Third Sunday in Lent

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.

Worship Online with Grace

We are now livestreaming our 10:30 service! Find the link on the Sunday Online Worship page under the Worship menu of our website or on Facebook. Each week's Grace Notes, bulletin, and past sermon texts are also posted on the Online Worship page.

Hearing-assist devices are charged and ready to go for anyone who needs them. Please ask an usher.

The Flowers on the altar are provided to the glory of God by Pastor & Bill Raabe to celebrate the birthdays of Lutheran musicians JS Bach and Paul Gerhardt.

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

The Bulletins are provided to the glory of God by Richard Badman in honor of his grandson, Zachary, on his birthday.

There is no sponsor for the Eternal Light Candle this week.

Communion Cards: Grace Church is no longer requiring members and visitors to fill out communion cards.

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.*

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From Pastor Raabe: 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.



In our **midweek Lenten services**, every Wednesday at 7:30 through April 6, we have been praying for peace in different ways. Attendance has been very light, so we kindly ask that you consider making these short contemplative services part of your Lenten discipline. We are including a contemporary reading, often from a Ukrainian writer or poet, along with psalms and scripture. Your worship staff has been working hard to make these services meaningful in a way that is quite different from Sunday mornings. #PrayforPeace!



Please remember to support the people of Ukraine as you are able. This week, St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Warrington is organizing a donation drop-off of selected items that will be sent directly to people in Ukraine. These may be taken **this Saturday March 19th, to Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1564 Allentown Rd., Lansdale**, from 10:30 am-3 pm. See our Facebook page for a list of items needed.

The Rice Bowl Project continues through Lent. Please use the special envelopes in your offering box, or those at the Rice Bowl Display in the narthex. It is our hope that you will consider giving these 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*



03/05 Peggy Long

03/11 Hazel Mascaro

03/29 Robert Yoder

03/30 Ethel Rappold, c/o Jaclyn Carson,

03/31 Nancy Sellers



Candy and plastic egg donations wanted for the Grace Easter egg hunt to be held on April 9. Please place donations of wrapped candy and/or eggs in the Narthex by April 3rd. Thank you !

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 along with your check in the basket marked for Easter flowers in the Narthex. Any questions contact Kathy Stawasz

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

This Week at Grace

Sunday, March 20 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Worship/Communion Sunday School with 9:30 Zoom Adult Bible Study Worship/Communion
Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 5:30 pm	Stepping Stones Day Care
Tuesday, March 22 8:00 am – 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bread Drop Sandwiches INreach Meeting
Wed., March 23 1:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Yoga Lenten Service
Thurs., March 24 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Drive-through Spaghetti Dinner HEART Meeting
Sunday, March 27 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Sunday School with 9:30 Zoom Adult Bible Study Worship

2nd Sunday in Lent, 3/13/22

Attendance: 8:00 am-11; 10:30 am-45

Online attendance, all services, week ending 3/13: 264

General Fund - \$2,120 **Capital Fund** - \$550

Rice Bowl - \$669 to date

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Serving Schedule for Worship

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Lectors: 8:00 am, Karen Seiler; 10:30 am, Slugg Family

Ushers: 8:00 am, Ken & Karen Seiler; 10:30 am, Kathy Stawasz and Kay Stone

Communion Assistant: 8:00 am, Karen Seiler; 10:30 am, Jaime Snyder;

Acolyte: 10:30 am, Lennon Kaler

Altar Guild: 8:00 am, W. Walter; 10:30 am, E. Woltmann

Video Team: 10:30 am, H. Schaefer, D. & T. Sarm

This week we return to the practice of 'continuous communion' using real wine and bread. As you come forward, we ask that you keep at least 6' of distance between you and the person in front or to the side. Please indicate to an usher if you prefer to receive communion in your seat.

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2022 Altar flower, Bulletin and Eternal Light Candle sponsors needed.

Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex. Questions contact Kathy Stawasz or Lynn in the office at 215-855-4676. Please considering sponsoring in memory or in honor of family and friends. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for the Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner on March 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

As with the birdhouse auction, all proceeds support the Habitat/ Thrivent Faith Build at 2714 Cowpath Road.

We have two spring gathering fundraisers on the horizon: **"Beers for your summer barbecues"** on April 30 from 3-5 pm to benefit Sanctuary Village, and a wine tasting at 7 pm on May 7 with **OneHope Wine**. Look for more information in the April newsletter.

Looking for a good summer read? The HEART team is planning another **used book sale** on April 9th from 11 am to 2 pm and is in need of used books and puzzles. Preferred are mysteries, romance, cozies, biographies and cookbooks. Look for the tub in the Narthex.

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

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Please let Pastor Raabe know if you have an urgent request for our Prayer Team, or if you would like someone added to this list, or if someone you have added is no longer in need of 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), Madiate 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), 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

Attention Thrivent members: March is the last chance to direct your annual Thrivent Choice dollars to Grace. We are very grateful for this source of income!

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: Olives (black or green); canned mushrooms; canned diced tomatoes; white rice; 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.