

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

# **GRACE NOTES**

May 1st - Third Sunday of Easter

#### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Welcome to Grace! We worship Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am with communion on the first and third Sundays.

#### Worship with Grace

Every week we livestream 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 and bulletin are also posted on the Online Worship page, as well as Pastor Raabe's sermon texts. The pandemic is still with us. To be as safe as possible you may choose to wear a mask when inside the building.

**Mid-Week Worship Online** includes brief, thoughtful services of Morning Prayer (Mon-Wed-Fri) and Evening Prayer (Monday). Join Pastor Raabe on our Facebook 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 Fay & Tom Younger in honor of Merilyn Forst on her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday and by Dale & Mary Jane Moyer in honor of Barbara, on her birthday.

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

**The Bulletins** are provided to the glory of God by Dale & Mary Jane Moyer in honor of Barbara, on her birthday.

**The Eternal Light Candle** is provided to the glory of God by Barb & Beverly Watts in memory of Elwood Watts on his birthday.

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.

In these pandemic times, many churches including ours are now offering what is being called "hybrid worship," with the service held both in person and online. This was a leading topic at a worship conference I attended

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earlier this week. Many fascinating questions were raised, including: What does it mean now to gather as a faith community in this hybrid reality? What does it mean to 'watch' a service? Can one experience sacred space digitally? do assemblies that value embodied, sacramental, and multisensory liturgy navigate through this? What is the nature of assembling as the people of God? Are virtual options equal—YouTube vs. Facebook Live? What can we do to make those watching online feel valued and included? How can those worshipping from home experience the fullness of Holy Communion?

For people new to the church, it can be less scary to click on a link and be transported into worship than to come into a church. Some churches are experiencing better attendance at online Bible studies or small groups than they did in person.

Here at Grace we will be asking these questions and exploring options. Much of this discussion will happen in our Communication Team meetings. As our former chair, Bonnie Stangl, is stepping down with the Stangls' move later this month, this group is seeking new members. If you would like to be part of this team and its conversation, just let me know.

Speaking of the Stangls, Grace will host a farewell reception for John and Bonnie on Sunday, May 22 following the 10:30 service. Please join us to honor their tremendous legacy of gifts of time and talents to Grace over the years!

#### **BOOKS FOR BABIES**

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, we are back!!! Mitzvah Circle Foundation 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 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.

Mitzvah 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.



wine here:

04/29 Merilyn Forst

05/19 Charles Slugg

WINE TASTING REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 1. Please use the registration form now available in the Narthex to sign up for the May 7 Wine Tasting hosted by One Hope Wines. Tasting fee is \$10 per person to cover expenses. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to sign up and attend. All proceeds benefit the Hatfield Faith Build. If you are not able to attend, you can still help the cause by ordering

https://www.onehopewine.com/event/128467.

This is the last day to place orders for the Mother's Day Carnation Sale. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th and flowers can be picked up after worship. There is a new option to our sale this year. You have a choice of pink or white carnations OR a silk sunflower. Pink Carnations honor our mothers and White Carnations remember our mothers who are no longer with us. The sunflowers are for either in honor of or in memory of. The funds from our project will be sent to the ELCA Disaster Response to aid the refugees throughout Eastern Europe and Ukraine. Order forms are in the narthex and in Parish News. Orders are due by Sunday, May 1st.

**Yoga** continues Wednesdays at 6:15-7:15 pm until June 29. The cost is \$5 per class; all proceeds go to Sanctuary Village. All levels are welcome.

#### This Week at Grace

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Sunday, May 1	Third Sunday of Easter
8:00 am	Worship/Communion
9:15 am	Sunday School with 9:30 Zoom
	Adult Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship/Communion
Monday - Friday	
7:00 am - 5:30 pm	Stepping Stones Day Care
Monday, May 2	
7:00 pm	Giving in Service Meeting
Tuesday, May 3	
8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Bread Drop Sandwiches
7:00 pm	Stitchers
Wed., May 4	
10:00 am	WELCA
1:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
6:15 pm	Yoga
Friday, May 6	
7:00 pm	Cub Pack 510 Meeting
Saturday, May 7	
7:00 pm	Wine Tasting
Sunday, May 8	Happy Mother's Day!
8:00 am	Worship
9:15 am	Sunday School with 9:30 Zoom
	Adult Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship

Second Sunday of Easter, 4/24/22 Attendance: 8:00 am-10; 10:30 am-36 Online attendance, all services, week ending 4/24: 539

General Fund - \$2,637 Mortgage - \$70

Lectors: 8:00 am, P. Schmidt; 10:30 am, B. Krout Ushers: 8:00 am, R. Smyrl & D. Capanear;

10:30 am, B. & J. Krout

Communion Assistant: 10:30 am, J. Snyder

Altar Guild: 8:00 am, J. Swartz; 10:30 am, E. & S. Weiland

You are invited to leave **urgent prayer requests** in the pink journal in the narthex next to the visitor sign-in.

### **Food Ministries: Sources of Food**

The food cupboard at *Emmanuel E.C.* (100 S. Main St., 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); white rice; canned mushrooms; canned diced tomatoes; 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.

**Online Giving**: Please use the "Give" page on our website, text 844.613.0815, or click on the QR code here.



## **Stepping Stones Request**

Our school is in desperate need of spare clothes for 4 and 5 year old children. Any donations of new/gently used clothing is greatly appreciated! Please drop off at the office any time.

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

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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, Merilyn Forst, Bob Rufe (Mary Iane Moyer's brother), Bailey Vinson (Liz Bauer's greatgranddaughter), 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, 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), Judith Stangl (John's sister), Whitney Buterbaugh (close friend of MC and Bob Reilly's daughter), Daniel Hopwood (Tom Hopwood's son), Gerry Mason (Richard Badman's son), Rosemary & Skip McCoy (Liz Bauer's sister and brother-in-law), Cheryl Davis (Paul MacDonald's sister), Laurie Ronan (the MacDonalds' neighbor), Jim Finnemeyer (John and Jean Weierman's nephew), Sue & Faith Rowbottom, Joy, Gary & Nicky Torgeson (Sue Rowbottom's family).

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), Ralph Schultz (Karen Seiler's father), Jeff Hinton (friends of Frank & Kay Stone).

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; Matthew Smyrl, Army

### "In Their Shoes" 2022 Walk for the Poor

The Saint Vincent DePaul Society is sponsoring a Walk for the Poor fundraiser. It will be held on September 24, 2022 at the School Road Park in Hatfield. The theme is "Walk in their shoes." We are hoping to bring more awareness to our community about the needs of the poor that live in our own neighborhoods. There will be fun activities for the kids and adults. We are hoping to bring together many people from all of the churches in the area. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more details. Questions, contact Edie Hardnock. Thank you!