



PARISH NEWS

Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield PA

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Transition Update:

We are pleased to announce that Pr. Wayne Shelor will be our Interim Pastor beginning the week of October 13th. He is currently the interim pastor at Christ, Mainland. He will be serving us half-time, handling both our ongoing ministry needs and guiding us through the transition process. His term is open-ended, but we expect that he will continue until we once again call a settled pastor.

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Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus the Christ.

I am Pastor Wayne Shelor (pronounced "SHEE – lor"). I most often go by Pastor Wayne. I am looking forward to beginning my service with you in October.

I am a native of Virginia, having been born and raised in the small town of Christiansburg, which is southwest of Roanoke. After high school I attended Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA intending to become a Medical Technologist, but the Lord had other plans, so in the middle of my fourth

year I changed to a Religious Studies major and graduated in 1981.

That fall I entered Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) in Columbia, SC for my studies leading to a Master of Divinity degree and being ordained in the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) in August of 1986.

In 1983 my wife Vikki and I were married. We have had a wonderful life together that includes three adult children: Becca, and twins Ray and Joshua. We treasure whatever time we get to share with them and continue to learn how best to parent adult millennial children.

Previously I have served as a settled pastor in three congregations in Virginia, as well as serving as the Executive Director of Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center (an outdoor ministry site of the ELCA). In 2013 I began serving as an Intentional Interim, this will be the eleventh congregation I have served in this way.

I have special training in intentional interim ministry, systems theory, conflict resolution, youth ministry, and stewardship. Over the course of my ministry, I have been actively engaged in evangelism, hospitality, stewardship growth, organizational goal-setting, and synodical level youth ministry. My personal interests include reading, travel, gardening, live theater, “off the beaten path restaurants,” and the sharing of stories and signs of the amazing generosity of our Lord.

I am looking forward to meeting you and hearing your personal story.

In Christ, Pastor Wayne

Church Council:

Summary of Grace Council Meeting from September 17, 2025

Kay Stone (Worship & Music Committee Chair) was invited to attend tonight’s meeting to discuss the need for a new Music Director/next steps.

Council had a quick discussion to review several documents that were shared with us by the proposed interim pastor, Pastor Wayne Shelor (draft contract, description of job duties). Pastor Shelor joined us in person at 7:30 pm.

Pastor Shelor is serving a tenth time as an interim pastor. He is currently serving as full-time interim pastor at Christ Lutheran in Kulpville. If he takes on a position as interim pastor for Grace, he will serve both churches part-time. He proposed coming to Grace two days a week, and to Christ Kulpville two days a week, and leading the service at Grace two Sundays a month (with the other Sundays at Christ). For the Sundays he is not at Grace we would need supply pastors. Pastor Shelor said he would work to find them for us and to try and have consistency, that is, no more than two regular supply pastors for Grace.

We felt Pastor Shelor has a lot of experience but also listening skills and compassion for a congregation going through a transition, such as we are. Once Christ Kulpville calls a full-time pastor, Pastor Shelor would work with us to determine what changes in our arrangement with him are needed. Pastor Shelor expects to continue at Christ Kulpville at least through the end of the year.

Council articulated very clearly that no decisions have yet been made or even discussed regarding next steps for Grace.

Pastor Shelor’s contract calls for: \$5,100 per month (for 20-23 hours a week serving Grace) + mileage + \$25 per month for phone.

Pastor Shelor left the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Motion was made to approve his contract; all in favor.

Other Business:

- Lennon Kaler and Barb Hess recently resigned from Council. All agreed that we need to look for at least one replacement but especially someone from W&M asap. Kay Stone thinks she can serve this role at least until the end of the year.
- Kay Stone is reviewing the Music Director job description to see if any revisions might be needed. Wendy Walter volunteered to be on/lead the Search Team. Susanna has identified a substitute organist for (at least) the first two Sundays in October.
- 2026 budgets for our committees are due by the next Council meeting.
- Minutes and Financial Report were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Farrell

October 2025 Serving Schedule

Date	Altar Guild	Communion Assistant	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Altar Flower Prep
10/05/25 9:30 am	J. Kaler & J. Detweiler	The Seilers	The Seilers	Usher	P. Schmidt & C. MacDonald	C. MacDonald
10/12/25 9:30 am	J. Kaler & J. Detweiler	C. Farrell	Slugg Family	O. Plawa	Slugg Family	J. Kaler
10/19/25 9:30 am	J. Kaler & J. Detweiler	F. Stone	K. Stawasz	Usher	K. Heacock & K. Stawasz	K. Stawasz
10/26/25 9:30 am <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	J. Kaler & J. Detweiler	B. Schmidt	P. Schmidt	Usher	K. Deussing & P. Schmidt	K. Stone

Council Offering/Lock-up for October 2025 is: TBD

Live Streaming: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm



THE BREAD DROP schedule for October 2025 is: 10/7/25 Emily Woltmann; 10/14/25 Karen Seiler; 10/21/25 Jess Moran; 10/28/25 Priscilla Landis



Spotlight on: **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

We are happy to announce that repairs to our sound system in the Sanctuary have been completed using the Al Godshall Memorial Fund Donations. Thank you.

A tank under the sink in the church kitchen has been installed to give hot water when washing dishes. This system has been given from the Fluck Memorial Fund. This has been a needed addition when using the kitchen. Thank you.

Committee: Barb Hess, Laura Kratz and Jean Shaffer

October 2025 Calendar

- The Jesus Love Church (formerly Central Philadelphia) will be worshipping on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and using the Fellowship Hall until 2:30 p.m. They also use the Sanctuary Friday night for worship at 7:00 pm.
- Tues. are Bread Drop Sandwich Days. Donations are accepted from 8am-7pm.
- Yoga is every Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m.

Wed Oct 1, 2025	10:00am	Welca Meeting
Sun Oct 5, 2025	9:30am	Worship (Sunday School)
Tue Oct 7, 2025	7:00pm	Stitchers
Sun Oct 12, 2025	9:30am	Worship (Sunday School)---<i>Pastor Littleton's last Sunday</i>
Tues Oct 14, 2025	7:00pm	Property Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Team Meeting
Sun Oct 19, 2025	9:30am	Worship (Sunday School)---<i>Pastor Wayne's first Sunday</i>
Tues Oct 21, 2025	7:00pm	Council Meeting, Zoom option
Wed Oct 22, 2025	7:00pm	Stepping Stones Committee Meeting, via Zoom
Sun Oct 26, 2025	9:30am	Worship (Sunday School)
Tue Oct 28, 2025	7:00pm	INreach Meeting

WELCA

Ladies, so sorry we had to cancel our first Welca meeting in September. So now the next meeting is October 1st and we have a few things to discuss. Hope to see everyone! Barb



From Susanna Faust:

"I am full of gratitude for all the time we have had together since January, but throughout my life, I have been blessed with a sense of God's presence leading me to new things. After prayerful consideration, I must offer my resignation as I enter a new chapter in my life. Grace has been a remarkable part of my spiritual journey. I am deeply grateful for our time together, but God is calling me to a new role. I am confident of your future. The God who brought me to this congregation is the same God who has strengthened you and given you aid over the years."



Soup Super Ministry is Sunsetting

The book of Ecclesiastes in the 3rd chapter reminds us that to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. We rejoice that we had a 19-month season of providing the Soup Super Ministry to the community. This ministry began as a Lenten Discipline and expanded to offer

an essential service to the Hatfield community. Under the leadership of Lou Farrell and his prep team consisting of: Lisa Boyer, Laura Slugg, Deb Hollenbeck (Faith, Montgomeryville). Barb Watts, Kay Deussing, Oleg Koninin, Bobby Gloriosio, Linda Pribbernow and Jamie Kaler.

These folks worked hard to make the soup supper happen weekly and they did their work with joy and gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Lord and their neighbors. This Sunday, we will recognize and give thanks to God for this ministry to the community and ask God to give the Kitchen crew the rest they need. Perhaps someday, there will be a sunrise on a new community effort. Pray that God would provide Grace Church a vision for the community.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Attention Grace Families:

Parents, please consider the value of Sunday School and Youth Group.

These activities contribute to cultivating your children's personal faith. They both provide spaces for young people to explore their beliefs and ask questions and give them the tools to deepen their relationship with God. They can provide teaching and encourage personal devotion. I invite you to join me on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Sunday School happens during the service after "all God's children's time". Youth Group is open to all kids 7th grade and up once a month on a Sunday afternoon, (usually).

In God's service, Annette



January	February	March
Given by _____ for _____	Given by _____ for _____	Given by _____ for _____
April	May	June
Given by _____ for _____	Given by _____ for _____	Given by _____ for _____
July	August	September
Given by _____ for _____	Given by _____ for _____	Given by _____ for _____
October	November	December
Given by _____ for _____	Given by _____ for _____	Given by _____ for _____

The flowers cost: \$17 each. In the Narthex, you can sign up for a date that is closest to a birthday or an Anniversary. You can pay that amount by cash in the offering plate or send in a check. Envelopes for this purpose are on the bulletin board just below the sign-up sheet. You can also call Lynn and let her know what date and she can add your name to the sign-up sheet and take your dedication at that time.



STEPPING STONES

Get those last few Summer activities in because Autumn has arrived! Pumpkin Day, Halloween Parades, and our Annual Fall Festival promise to make October full of Fall fun! Our annual fundraiser is set to start on Monday, October 6th and will run through Monday, October 20th; be sure to keep an eye out for catalogs! Personally, I think this is a great time to get ahead of Christmas with some wrapping paper and some early gifts! Picture Day will be on Tuesday, October 14th beginning at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall and the month is sprinkled with a few other fun days like Wear Something Gaudy Day and Count Your Buttons Day! Miss Jessica will be away at the PACCA (Pennsylvania Child Care Association) Conference from 10/19-10/22 but will hopefully

return with new ideas, tips, and tricks to share with staff and with you! Let's have a great October!

Jessica Moran, Director



2026 Serving Schedule volunteers.....Yes, it's that time of year to start setting up the 2026 serving schedule. I will set up as 1 schedule with the service at 9:30 am. If you are currently on the

schedule, we will keep you on unless we hear from you. We are always looking for new volunteers. Please contact one of us if you would like to volunteer. Thanks.

Altar Guild - Emily Woltmann

215-822-5909, emiwol95@gmail.com

Communion Assistants - Carol MacDonald

215-872-0472, carol.w.macdonald@gmail.com

Lector and Acolytes - Kathy Stawasz

215-760-6297, kathystawasz@gmail.com

Ushers - Kay Stone 215-368-3725, kaystone@comcast.net

Live Streaming - Harold Schaefer

484-576-0611, schafeh_19440@yahoo.com

Thanks in advance for volunteering!

Kathy, 215-760-6297



Harvest Home Sunday

Thank you for gifts of food for **Harvest Home Sunday**. These items were shared with Manna on Main Street in Lansdale and the Food Cupboard at Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church in Hatfield.

The Giving in Service Team



Angel boxes

Once again, we will be collecting personal care items for our Adopt-A-Families and the two Hatfield Food Cupboards. Please see the requested items below. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex from **November 2nd through December 14th.**

We realize that everyone's budgets are stretched these days, but we ask that you prayerfully consider putting aside a few dollars to help support our community. Thank you!

Items needed include:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Body wash
- Body lotion
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Feminine products



YOGA (Hatha) CLASS Back by Popular Demand. Classes continue each week on Wednesdays, through December 10, 2025 from 6:15-7:15pm.

All-levels. Poses and sequences will work on using all parts of the body and will vary from week to week. This will be suitable for those with some yoga experience but also for anyone with little to none, as options will be offered for the various poses. The goal is to work on strength and flexibility gradually while gaining an ability to focus on breath and awareness.

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 40 N. Main Street, Hatfield, PA

COST: \$7/class (Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church)

WHO: Ages 18 and up

What is needed: exercise mat (let me know if you need one) Invite a friend or family member, everyone is welcome. Questions Contact Kathy Stawasz at 215-760-6297.

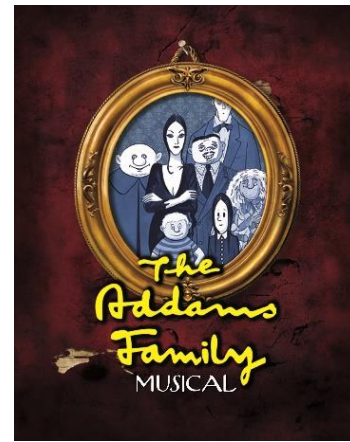
Laymen Playmen Theatre

PRESENTS

SAVE THE DATE

The Addams Family, the musical comedy, is coming to The Laymen Playmen for their 38th production.

Show dates are March 13-15 and 20-22nd 2026.



Auditions will be held at Lansdale United Methodist Church, 300 North Broad Street, Lansdale, PA 19446 on Wednesday, November 19th from 7-9pm and Saturday, November 22nd from 10am -1pm.

The Addams Family was created by Charles Addams, music and lyrics are by Andrew Lippa and book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elise. The show explores the themes of love, family and growing up.

For more information, visit LaymenPlaymen.org



EEC FOOD CUPBOARD

Current Needs:

Food items: Jelly, Cereal, Oatmeal (Regular and Instant), Flour, Sugar, Granola Bars, Black Tea Bags, Ground Coffee, Dry Pasta (ANY type), Spam, Sardines, Tomato Sauce & Paste

Household & Personal Care*: Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Shampoo & Conditioner (with caps securely taped on!), Razors & Shaving Cream, Body Wash & Bar Soap, Laundry Detergent

Gift Cards: Grocery gift cards are always welcome and very helpful, especially ALDI & Giant!

NOT needed at this time: Canned vegetables, peanut butter, rice, and diapers

Your non-perishable donations can be placed in our Grace narthex bins by the conference room and they will be brought to EEC when bins are full.

Upcoming distribution dates & times:

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm: First, third and fifth Tuesdays

Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm: Second and fourth Tuesdays

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.



Prayer List

The full list is now published in Parish News, while the list in Grace Notes (weekly newsletter) includes prayers only for Grace members and immediate family rather than including extended family and friends. Please submit requests to Lynn Fasick at graceassistant40@gmail.com, specify whether the need is "ongoing" or "current," and

notify her if and when the name may be removed from the list. Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Please let the office (Lynn) 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 Need of Ongoing Prayers: Liz Bauer, Suzanne Colville, Bob Kaler, Peggy Long, Hazel Mascaro, Jerry Mascaro, Bob Rufe (Mary Jane Moyer's brother), Joyce Salter, Nancy Sellers, Bailey Vinson (Liz Bauer's great-granddaughter), Nancy Dustman (Joyce Salter's sister).

In Current Need of Prayers: Kristopher Yoder, Lisa Kane, Vickie West, Sandy Klinger, Peg Malloy, Daniel Hopwood (Tom Hopwood's son), Sheran Shenk (friend of Bruce & Peggy Schmidt), Angelina (Mascaro) Trotter, Alice Ciarrocca (friend of Karen Heacock & Phyllis McKeefrey), Anita Spisak (Ken Seiler's mom), Christopher Humlhanz (Jaime Snyder's cousin), Betty Poling (June Detweiler's sister), Regi Gambino (friend of Lynn Plawa-Oxenford), Annette Beyer (friend of the Reillys), Connie Plawa (Lynn's sister-in-law), Priscilla (Shaffer) Hollerbach, Milford Lyndaker (friend of Karen Seiler), Chelsea Mascaro (Hazel & Jerry's granddaughter), Kathryn Shelly (Will Shaffer's mother-in-law), Lisa Ronan (MacDonald's neighbor), the Horowitz Family (good friends of Mary Jane Moyer), Ed Muntz, Bridget Hopkins (friend of Don Capanear), Jeff Hill (Sue Wieland's nephew), Steve Johnsson and Morgan (friends of Beth Krout), Judi McBain (friend of Linda Pribbernow), Mary Jane Moyer, Pastor Janet Peterman, Daisy Wiesinger (friend of MC Reilly and member of Laymen Playmen), John Alexiades (friend of Bruce Schmidt), Beth Krout, Aaron O'Conner (Liz Bauer's son), Shirley & Steve Malloy (Peg Malloy's husband & mother-in-law).

For all who grieve, including the family & friends of: Sally Muntz, Ann Marie Heidgerd, Pat Ferkitich (friend of Nancy Sellers), Dee Mancuso, Atticus Jones (Lynn & Mike Oxenford's nephew), Clark Rex (Kathy Stawasz's dad).

For those in active duty military service: Jessica Murphy, Air Force; Matthew Smyrl, PA Army National Guard; Cole Dempsey, Air Force (Laura Kratz's grandson), Eric Gutsche, Army (Janice Swartz's grandson), Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army National Guard.

For active military deployed overseas: Kyle Murphy, Air Force.

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Sunday, Oct 12th at 9:30am

Worship---Pastor Littleton's last Sunday

Sunday, October 19th at 9:30am

Worship---Pastor Wayne's first Sunday



Happy Fall !

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