



## PARISH NEWS

Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield PA

July 2026

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### *EXCITING NEWS ABOUT STEPPING STONES !!*



The **BEST of 2026 in Hatfield Award Winner in the Daycare Center** category is our very own **Stepping Stones Nursery School and Daycare** ! Congratulations and kudos to Jessica Moran (Director) and her wonderfully diverse and remarkably gifted team of Michelle, Zikia, Jen, Savanna, Youstina, Katie, and Rosalia. We are so appreciative of the ministry they offer young families in our neighborhood, and we are thrilled they have been recognized for their remarkable work.



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I can feel it – the coming of summer. The days are longer, the temperatures are higher (sometimes very high), plants are in full leaf and growing, grills are smoking with enticing aromas, and vacations are enjoyed. We tend to vacation in the summer. Maybe because we live in the northern hemisphere, and maybe because we have been shaped for most of our lives by the public-school schedule. No matter, vacations are a time away, with family or to be with distant family, to see interesting things, and to take a break from the incessant clamor all the “normal doings of our lives.”

In Holy Scripture such a break is known as sabbath, from a Hebrew word meaning “cease,” or “stop.” God demonstrated sabbath for on the seventh day God rested. God later commanded His people to cease from their labor, so they could rest, refresh, and refuel. As children of God, they were not to work non-stop. Regular sabbath rest is critical in being truly human.

Sabbath is the regular practice of not producing so we can know our value is not in what we do. We live in a time and in a country that is losing sight of this, that is expecting us to produce more, and more, and more. But our faith story says we are of value, just the way we are, without doing anything, because we are a beloved creation of God. Period. So, we practice sabbath (and it takes practice) that we might know we are God’s, valued just for being.

Sabbath is not wasted time. It is critical time, needed to be truly human. That we may then, as God’s precious beloved children, do a great many wonderful things bringing honor and glory to our Heavenly Father, and love and peace to our neighbor. Enjoy some sabbath time this summer, and throughout the year – it is really important!

Together in Christ <><

***Pastor Wayne***



Council did not have our June meeting. Several members were on vacation. We will meet next on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Important Save the Dates:**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday picnic at Barb Watt's home at 6:30 pm**

**August 16<sup>th</sup>** - Join us for **Breakfast Church** in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with breakfast at 9:30 am followed by our worship service. We hope you will plan to be at Grace for good food, fellowship and worship.

**September 5<sup>th</sup>** (Labor Day Weekend) **Sunday Picnic and Pool Party**  
at Carol and Paul MacDonald's 11 am to 3 pm



**Council Members:** Cathy Farrell (president), Tom Salter (vice president), Kay Stone (secretary), Bev Smith (treasurer), Dam Sarm, Wendy Walter, Ken Seiler, and Carol MacDonald

## July 2026 Serving Schedule

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Altar Flower Prep
07/05/26 9:30 am	June Detweiler	Cathy Farrell	Cathy Farrell	Usher	Jeff Krout & Kay Deussing	TBD
07/12/26 9:30 am	June Detweiler	Lennon Kaler	Frank Stone	Usher	Don Capanear & Bob Smyrl	Kay Stone
07/19/26 9:30 am	June Detweiler	Kathy Stawasz	Beth Krout	Usher	Jeff Krout & Kay Deussing	Kathy Stawasz
07/26/26 9:30 am	June Detweiler	Ken Seiler	Karen Seiler	Usher	Karen Seiler & Kay Stone	Emily Woltmann

**Council Offering/Lock-up for July 2026 is: July 5<sup>th</sup> – Carol MacDonald;  
 July 12 & 19<sup>th</sup> – Wendy Walter; July 26<sup>th</sup> – Ken Seiler  
 Live Streaming: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm**



**THE BREAD DROP schedule for July 2026 is:** 07/07/26 Jean Delmuto; 07/14/26 Karen Seiler; 07/21/26 Jess Moran; 07/28/26 Jess Moran

## July 2026 Calendar

- **The Jesus Love Church** will use our facilities on Sundays 11 am (set-up), worship 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Fellowship Hall 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Wagner House will be Wednesday 8:00 – 9:00 am and Sunday 9:00 – 11:30 am. Friday evening worship has been changed to **Wednesday evening from 7-9:30 pm.**
- **The Church House of Restoration Adonai** will use our facilities for the following days and times:  
Sundays 3:30 -7:30 pm. Tuesdays 6:30 – 9:30 pm and Thursdays 6:30- 9:30 pm.
- Tuesdays are Bread Drop Sandwich Days. Donations are accepted from 8am to 7pm.
- **Yoga takes a break for the summer and will return in September.**

Fri July 3, 2026 Stepping Stones Closed for the holiday  
Sat July 4, 2026 **Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July !!**

<b>Sun July 5, 2026</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Pentecost 6</b> <b>Pastor Wayne Shelor</b>
Tues July 7, 2026	7:00pm	Stitchers
<b>Sun July 12, 2026</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Pentecost 7</b> <b>Pastor Ghislaine Cotnoir</b>
Tues July 14, 2026	7:00pm	Property Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Team Meeting
<b>Sun July 19, 2026</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Pentecost 8</b> <b>Pastor Wayne Shelor</b>
Tues July 21, 2026	7:00pm	Council Meeting, Zoom option
Wed July 22, 2026	9:30am	Alliance for Hope Meeting (Pr. Wayne)
<b>Sun July 26 , 2026</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Pentecost 9</b> <b>Pastor Skyle Rea</b>



### YOGA (Hatha) CLASS

Yoga takes a break for the summer. See you in September  
Contact Kathy Stawasz at [215-760-6297](tel:215-760-6297) if you have any questions

## Stepping Stones

Summer is in full swing over at Stepping Stones! We're busy enjoying water play every Tuesday and Thursday and also looking forward to sprinkled in spirit days like Shades Day, 70's Day, and Sports Day. Stepping Stones is also bursting with life as each classroom is raising butterflies, ladybugs, and dwarf frogs this Summer and we look forward to our release party as the Summer goes on! Miss Jess will be off from July 9th through July 16th but Miss Michelle will be here for anyone with immediate needs.

Stay cool out there!

Jessica Moran, Director

## *2026 Stepping Stones Graduates !!*



## Welca

Welca would like to thank the Congregation for all you did for our committee. Last week we delivered the baby books to the Mitzvah Center. We collected 160 books, which they were very happy to receive. Thanks again. Thanks to Tom & Joyce Salter for hosting our annual picnic again!!

Committee, Kay Deussing, Sue Price, Mary Jane Moyer, Joyce Salter, Lisa Boyer, and Barb Watts.



## EEC FOOD CUPBOARD

**A message from Janet Hague:** *"You will notice some changes this summer as "Emmanuel" becomes "Trinity Lighthouse Hatfield campus". We have partnered with our (larger) sister church in Limerick, becoming a satellite location. Our gospel message remains the same, and they wholeheartedly support the food cupboard ministry, which continues through the summer. Worship services are being held at the Royersford campus while renovations are done in Hatfield. Stay tuned to find out when Sunday services resume in Hatfield."*

*"Thanks to all of you at Grace for your faithful help with our food cupboard. Last month we welcomed 78 unduplicated families to the food cupboard. Donations from Garden of Health, Mitzvah Circle Foundation, Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield Borough, and community members kept the shelves stocked."*

Current top needs:

**Food items:** Dry Pasta, Flour, Sugar, Tomato paste, Ground Coffee

**Household & Personal Care\*:** Laundry Detergent (unscented/free & clear), Shampoo & Conditioner (please make sure lids are secure)

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

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: July 7, 21

Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm: July 14 & 28

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](mailto:foodcupboard@yahoo.com).

## 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 CURRENT NEED of Prayers:***

Laurie Davanzo (neighbor of the MacDonalds), Linda Dexter (friend of Peggy & Bruce Schmidt), Barbara Hess, Ken Kratz, Raymond Masser, Aaron O'Conner (Liz Bauer's son), Rich Woltmann.

***In Need of Ongoing Prayers:*** Liz Bauer, Suzanne Colville, Nancy Dustman (Joyce Salter's sister), Priscilla (Shaffer) Hollerbach, Bob Kaler, Steve Malloy (Peg Malloy's husband), Hazel Mascaro, Jerry Mascaro, Mary Jane Moyer, Pastor Janet Peterman, Joyce Salter, Nancy Sellers, Anita Spisak (Ken Seiler's mom), Bailey Vinson (Liz Bauer's great-granddaughter), Bob Yoder, Sr., Shirley Yoder.

***For all who grieve, including the family & friends of:*** Annette Beyer (friend of the Reillys), Alice Ciarrocca (friend of Karen Heacock & Phyllis McKeefrey), Lois DeSantis, Bernard Didden, Debbie Boerner Hair (family of the MacDonalds), Margaret (Peggy) Long, Shirley Malloy, Cindy Mancuso, Lisa Ronan (neighbor of the MacDonalds).

***For those in active-duty military service:*** Cole Dempsey, Air Force (Laura Kratz's grandson), Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army National Guard, Joe Recco, Navy (Raymond Masser's grandson).



## Upcoming Event:

August 16<sup>th</sup>  
“Breakfast Church”  
9:30 am at Grace



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Jessica Moran, Director

Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stepping  
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Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> –  
**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July !!**

**Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup>  
of July Holiday !**



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