



PARISH NEWS

Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield PA

September 2026

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

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Join us for the last Grace Summer Picnic of 2026

at Carol and Paul MacDonald's home

1999 Rosemarie Way, Hatfield

Sunday, September 6th

11 am to 3 pm

- Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided
- Bring your favorite **picnic dish** to share
- The pool will be open so bring your bathing suit and towel
- Or sit in the shade and enjoy the afternoon

Event is rain or shine!!

Any questions: Contact Carol at 215-872-0472 or
email: carol.w.macdonald@gmail.com



From Pastor Wayne: Grace was honored to host a recent meeting of **Alliance for Hope**. It is a consortium of nonprofit service providers, government organizations, and faith institutions focused on working together to serve the most vulnerable members of the greater North Penn community. Alliance for Hope began as an offshoot of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, operating out of Saint Maria Goretti Church in Hatfield. The organizations of the Alliance for Hope work together to help each other accomplish their missions, address the root causes of poverty, and provide immediate relief to our neighbors in need within the North Penn and Indian Valley areas. The vision is that through collaboration and compassionate service we can ignite action so that all can thrive.



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

It is such an interesting time to be a child of God. So many things are changing, and many of the changes are new things which are difficult to understand. It is a lot. So much that it is easy to feel overwhelmed and uncertain as to what to do. This is true

for individuals, it is also true for congregations.

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Council President Cathy Farrell and I continue to have much conversation on how best to guide and support our leadership (Council members and Committee Chairs) as well as our members into Grace's next chapter. While we have many gifted and talented persons in this congregation, we are becoming increasingly aware we need to be attentive to our greatest resource, the Lord. We need to pray.

We need to firmly plant our feet in prayer. In this way we may honor our Lord and connect with the greatest power ever known. In prayer we will receive assistance well beyond our capabilities. We pray for guidance, support, insight, patience, resilience, and hope. While Cathy and I do this regularly we need more. We need your participation.

To this end, beginning in September, we will add a unison prayer to the end of our worship service, **AND we are asking the members and friends of this congregation to pause each day at 7:00 PM and pray this same prayer.**

Dear Lord, thank you, for loving us. Please direct us in all we do that our works begun, continued, and ended, may strengthen our ministry for the Lord in this place, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Grace to get from here into our next chapter we need the best guidance and help available, which we attain through prayer. Join with me as we continue this journey.

Together in Christ <>< **Pastor Wayne**



A Note from Your Church Council: As we continue to navigate another time of transition, we know you have questions, concerns, and, hopefully, lots of ideas to share in order to move our Grace family into a new era.

Did you know that those of us who are honored to serve as your Grace Council members WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU? Whether you attend church each Sunday, watch services from home, or have not felt directly connected to Grace in years, you are taking the time to read this and you are an important part of Grace's history as well as our future. Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts with any of us. We will bring your voice to our Council table and prayerfully discuss and consider your comments and ideas. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Grace.

Council News:

- Council approved that a prayer be created for Council and the Congregation to pray, where we are, at 7 pm each day (or anytime each day) for guidance. Pastor will also include this in the prayers of the day during worship. This prayer will include: How do we want to strengthen the work of the Lord in this place?
- Council's vision for Grace is to provide a space and/or opportunities to help with needs in our community. Some specific thoughts included developing a wellness center for the community and providing a gathering place for activities for older members of Grace and the community. We also recognized the importance of collaborating with other faith organizations to help our mission.
- Council has discussed the four options that Pastor Wayne has shared with all of us and created pros and cons:
 - Call a part-time pastor
 - Collaborate with another congregation and share a full-time pastor
 - Become a satellite congregation of a larger/growing congregation
 - Merge with one or more churches to form a new church
- Council's next step is to develop a plan for how to gather information about other local churches. Many churches in our area and Synod are in the same situation that we are in, and we feel it would be helpful to see how other churches are handling their situations.
- There will be no bible study due to insufficient interest.
- The Hatfield Tree Lighting team will be led by Dave Kunkel. The Borough plans to be more involved this year.

Council Members: Cathy Farrell (President), Tom Salter (Vice President), Kay Stone (Secretary), Bev Smith (Treasurer), Dan Sarm, Wendy Walter, Ken Seiler, and Carol MacDonald.

September 2026 Serving Schedule

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Altar Flower Prep
09/06/26 9:30 am	Don Capanear/ Emily Woltmann	Jaime Kaler	Jean Shaffer	Usher	Walter Family & Dave Kunkel	Jaime Kaler
09/13/26 9:30 am	Don Capanear/ Emily Woltmann	Kathy Stawasz	Walter Family	Usher	Jeff Krout	Kathy Stawasz
09/20/26 9:30 am	Don Capanear/ Emily Woltmann	Cathy Farrell	Gail Lockner	Usher	Don Capanear & Karen Heacock	Jaime Kaler
09/27/26 9:30 am Harvest Home Sunday	Don Capanear/ Emily Woltmann	Lennon Kaler	Jaime Kaler	Usher	Jaime Kaler & Kathy Stawasz	Emily Woltmann

Council Offering/Lock-up for September 2026 is: Ken Seiler

Live Streaming: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm



THE BREAD DROP schedule for September 2026 is: 09/01/26 Karen Seiler; 09/08/26 Jess Moran; 09/15/26 Priscilla Landis; 09/22/26 Laura Kratz; 09/29/26 Jean Delmuto

September 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 (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall).
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 begins again on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:15 pm.***

Tues Sept. 1, 2026 7:00pm Stitchers

Sun Sept. 6, 2026 9:30am Pentecost 15 and *Baptism*
Pastor Wayne Shelor
Reception in Fellowship Hall for Family/Baptism
After worship, "Picnic/Pool Party" at
Carol & Paul MacDonald's home

Mon Sept. 7, 2026 **Labor Day, Office & Stepping Stones Closed**

Tues Sept. 8, 2026 7:00pm Property Team Meeting
 7:00pm Worship & Music Team Meeting

Wed Sept. 9, 2026 6:15pm YOGA Class begins

Thurs Sept. 10, 2026 7:00pm Stepping Stones Committee Meeting, in person

Sat Sept. 12, 2026 8:00am–noon Retention basin clean-up

Sun Sept. 13, 2026 9:30am Pentecost 16
Pastor Skyle Rea

Tues Sept. 15, 2026 7:00pm Council Meeting, Zoom option

Wed Sept. 16, 2026 6:15pm Yoga

Sun Sept. 20, 2026 9:30am Pentecost 17
Pastor Gwendolyn King

Wed Sept. 23, 2026 6:15pm Yoga

Sat Sept. 26, 2026 10:30am Set up for Harvest Home Sunday

Sun Sept. 27, 2026 9:30am Pentecost 18 – *Harvest Home Sunday*
Pastor Wayne Shelor

Wed Sept. 30, 2026 6:15pm Yoga

Stepping Stones

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year! We are so excited to start the new year off and we have some fun days ahead to start it off with a bang! National Cheese Pizza Day is on Saturday, September 5th. In celebration we will be doing a pizza lunch on Friday the 4th. Stepping Stones will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day and we are also looking forward to National Teddy Bear Day on the 9th, Pretzel Day on the 16th, and other fun days as Autumn officially starts on 9/22. Have a great rest of your Summer and a wonderful start to your Fall !

Jessica Moran, Director



Harvest Home Sunday

September 27th

What: Harvest Home Project

When: Now through September 27th

Sponsored by: The Giving in Service Team

Donations of canned goods and non-perishables will benefit the Hatfield Food Cupboard and Manna on Main Street in Lansdale

Donations through your Harvest Home offering envelope will be given to ELCA World Hunger to help our neighbors in other countries

Help fill the table in the Narthex with your food donations

Suggested Shopping List for Harvest Home

Dry pasta, any shape (spaghetti and lasagna too)

Pasta Sauce

Tomato products: paste, sauce, diced, crushed

Ramen Noodles in packs, not cups

Condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard)

Granola/snack/breakfast bars

Sugar

Body wash

Flour

Shampoo and conditioner

Ground Coffee

Dishwashing Liquid

Tuna

Laundry detergent (unscented/free and clear)

Canned Chili

Paper Towels

The Giving in Service Team



YOGA (Hatha) CLASS Back by Popular Demand

Every Wednesday, September 9, 2026 – December 16, 2026
from 6:15-7:15 pm.

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 (Men too), everyone is welcome!

Contact Kathy Stawasz as [215-760-6297](tel:215-760-6297) if interested or just show up.



EEC Food Cupboard...Now Trinity Lighthouse **--Hatfield Campus**

A message from Janet Hague: "We've stayed busy this summer in "Food Cupboard-land" at Trinity Lighthouse--Hatfield Campus, serving 82 families in July. Close to 500 lbs. of produce from the church garden provided fresh vegetables weekly. In addition, donations from Philabundance, Garden of Health, Mitzvah (diapers), and neighbors like you allow us to keep going. **Special thanks for the cash gift from Grace's WELCA group!** Thank you for standing with your neighbors in need."

Current top needs:

Food items: Dry Pasta (any type including lasagna), Tomato paste, Canned Potatoes (whole or sliced), Spam, Sugar, Flour, Ground Coffee

Household & Personal Care*: Baby Wipes, Laundry Detergent (unscented/free & clear), Paper Towels

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: September 1, 15, & 29

Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm: September 8 & 22

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

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:

Fred Orrik (Pastor Wayne's father-in-law), Laurie Davanzo (neighbor of the MacDonalds), Linda Dexter (friend of Peggy & Bruce Schmidt), Barbara Hess, Paul Karcewski (Laura Kratz's brother), Raymond Masser, Aaron O'Conner (Liz Bauer's son), Chuck Slugg, Rich Woltmann, Shirley Yoder.

In Need of Ongoing Prayers: : Liz Bauer, Suzanne Colville, Nancy Dustman (Joyce Salter's sister), Kitty Heckler, Priscilla (Shaffer) Hollerbach, Bob Kaler, Mary Lou & Ken Kratz, Peg Malloy, 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).

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), John F. Homan, Irene Krohnemann, Margaret (Peggy) Long, 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), Jack McNulty, Marines, basic training (Hatfield resident who is a former boy scout from the troop affiliated with Grace).



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