



PARISH NEWS

Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield PA

November 2026

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

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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.

"NEW" Grace Wellness Team

The newly formed Grace Wellness Team needs your help! We can brainstorm till the cows walk down Cowpath Road again, but we may not think of the activities, workshops, or gatherings that will be helpful to you. Please take a moment to click on the Google Form Survey below and let us know what would help you, your family and friends, and the greater community of Hatfield. We dream of a near future when Grace can become a center for Hatfield offering weekly, monthly, or quarterly activities -- serious and fun, spiritual and secular -- for our people and our neighbors.

[CLICK HERE!](#)

The Google Form Survey can also be found on the church website or in the email you received. You can also email ideas and suggestions to Andrea Roney at andrea.roney@comcast.net.

Thank you !!



Soup-A-Thon: Sunday, November 8th 2026, 9 - 11 am

Please mark your calendars for your next opportunity to buy delicious soups that support our INreach team ministry as well as our local veterans! Once again, we will be giving 1/2 of our proceeds to an organization that makes a positive difference in the lives of our local heroes. Last year, we were able to contribute \$100 to Tails of Valor Paws of Honor! If you enjoy making soup (recipes and containers will be available) and would like to support us in this fundraiser, please see the Soup-a-Thon display in the Narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated...we can't do this without you!



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

The days are shorter, the nights are longer, and in this hemisphere, it is getting colder. It is a difficult time of the year for some. The cold and the darkness can bring on some heavy anxiety and brooding. It can, as we say, “Get between our ears,” and it can be more difficult to remember and know the Lord is still with us.

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When I was a camp director, one of our excursions was spelunking, slithering around in undeveloped caves. We had an experienced guide take 15-20 campers, their counselors, and me deep into the bowels of the earth. When we had been exploring for about half an hour, we found ourselves in a very large “room.” Our guide had everyone sit down, and then he had everyone turn off their lights. It is a deep different kind of dark. Literally we could not see our hands in front of our faces. It was a bit unnerving.

He then had one young camper turn on their light. What a sense of relief to have some light. Then our guide said, “No one on the surface knows where you are, or has any way to find you.” He let that settle with us for a moment and then he said, “But God, the Creator of all things, knows exactly where you are right now!” What a gift and a comfort it can be that we know God always knows where we are.

Whatever your anxiety, fear, difficulty, challenge, or darkness – you are not alone. God knows exactly where and how you are. God’s promise to us is God’s constant, loving, unbreakable availability. When we call – God answers – ALWAYS! As we get nearer to Thanksgiving, I find myself giving thanks for the dependable presence of God – no matter my location or circumstances – and it brings me peace. I pray it will for you too.

Together in Christ <><

Pastor Wayne



October Council Meeting Information

- Presidents and Vice Presidents of Councils from Grace and Faith met on October 21st to discuss activities we may be able to do together.

- Council is researching what other neighboring Lutheran churches are doing for ideas and to see how they are doing in these times of dwindling church attendance.
- Meeting of Grace Committee chairs took place October 20th to determine what committees are needed currently, and to see how team leaders are doing.
- The new Wellness Committee has met and sent out a survey to Grace and the Hatfield Community to gather ideas on what people would like to see Grace offer as part of this new ministry.
- The membership rolls are in the process of being updated.

Council Members: Cathy Farrell (president) cifarrell@comcast.net

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Angel Box Collection - Once again, we will be collecting personal care products for our Adopt-a-Families and the two Hatfield food cupboards this Christmas season. We will be collecting donations from November 1st through December 13th. Any items you can provide are greatly appreciated! Thank you.

Products needed include:

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Kleenex

Shampoo and Conditioner

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Body wash

Razors/shaving cream for men and women

Deodorant for men and women

Feminine products

Diapers and wipes

Gift cards for Aldi's, Giant, Walmart

November 2026 Serving Schedule

Date	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Altar Flower Prep
11/01/26 9:30 am All Saints Sunday	Emily Woltmann/ Laura Kratz	Bruce Schmidt	Beth Krout	Usher	Jeff Krout	TBD
11/08/26 9:30 am	Emily Woltmann/ Laura Kratz	Frank Stone	Carol MacDonald	Usher	Carol & Paul MacDonald	Carol M.
11/15/26 9:30 am	Emily Woltmann/ Laura Kratz	Kathy Stawasz	Kathy Stawasz	Usher	Carol M. & Dave Kunkel	Emily Woltmann
11/22/26 9:30 am Christ The King	Emily Woltmann/ Laura Kratz	Jaime Kaler	Lennon Kaler	Usher	Don Capanear & Bob Smyrl	Jaime Kaler
11/29/26 9:30 am 1 st Sunday in Advent	Emily Woltmann/ Laura Kratz	Bruce Schmidt	Peggy Schmidt	Usher	Kay Stone & Jeff Krout	Kay Stone

Council Offering/Lock-up for November 2026 is: Carol MacDonald

Live Streaming: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm



Important Dates for November and December:

Sunday, November 1st

All Saints Sunday Communion Service at 9:30 am

Sunday, November 29th

First Sunday of Advent Communion Service at 9:30 am

SATURDAY, December 5th

Food, Crafts and Fellowship at Grace at 5 pm

followed by the Hatfield Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Eve communion service with candle lighting at 4 pm

November 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.

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Sun Nov. 1, 2026	9:30am	All Saints Sunday Pastor Wayne Shelor
Tues Nov. 3, 2026	7:00pm	Stitchers
Wed Nov. 4, 2026	6:15pm	Yoga
Sun. Nov. 8 , 2026	9:30am	Pentecost 24 Pastor Gwendolyn King <i>SOUP-A-THON (9-11 am)</i>
Mon Nov. 9, 2026	2:30pm	Giving in Service Meeting
	5:30pm	Stepping Stones CPR and First Aid
Tues Nov. 10, 2026	7:00pm	Property Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Team Meeting
Wed Nov. 11, 2026		<i>Veteran’s Day</i>
	6:15pm	Yoga
	7:00pm	Stepping Stones Committee Meeting, via Zoom
Sat. Nov. 14, 2026	11-4:00pm	Fellowship Hall Rental
Sun Nov. 15, 2026	9:30am	Pentecost 25 Pastor Wayne Shelor
Tues Nov. 17, 2026	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wed Nov. 18, 2026	6:15pm	Yoga
Sun Nov. 22, 2026	9:30am	Christ The King Pastor Gwendolyn King
Wed Nov. 25, 2026	6:15pm	Yoga
Thurs Nov. 26, 2026		<i>Thanksgiving</i> Office and Stepping Stones Closed
Fri Nov. 27, 2026		Office and Stepping Stones Closed
Sun Nov. 29, 2026	9:30am	1st Sunday in Advent Pastor Gwendolyn King



THE BREAD DROP schedule for November 2026 is: 11/03/26 Laura Kratz; 11/10/26 Jean DelMuto; 11/17/26 Emily Woltmann; 11/24/26 Karen Seiler



Stepping Stones

Fall has arrived and we are already living it up with Apple Day and Pumpkin Day being huge successes! Thank you to everyone who turned out for the Halloween Parade and to all who enjoyed the festivities with us during the Fall Festival! Your participation makes events like this all that much better! Stepping Stones will be closed on 11/26 and 11/27 in observation of Thanksgiving; we will re-open for business on Monday, November 30th. We're looking forward to celebrating this Fall season with you and your kiddos; Thank you all for sharing them with us each day! You give us all something to truly be thankful for!

Jessica Moran, Director



Adopt A Family Project

Watch for the display in mid-November



Sharing the Joy of Christmas

Each Sunday during Advent, we light candles on the Advent wreath—HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE—as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. As we prepare for family gatherings in our homes, we at Grace also remember families who may struggle to provide necessities for their loved ones.

Gifts for Local Families

The Giving in Service team invites you to help local families share the joy of Christmas by providing gifts. This year, we will support several families from Stepping Stones.

Food for the Winter

We are also collecting food to help these families stock their shelves for winter. To contribute, take a tag or two from the Christmas tree and provide the food item listed on each tag.

Gift Deadline

Adopt-a-Family gifts are **DUE** by **Sunday, Dec. 20th**.

Giving to these families is a wonderful way to begin the Advent season.

The Giving in Service Team – Jean Shaffer, Diane Ball, Carol MacDonald, Barb Watts, Kay Deussing, and Kay Stone

Save Boxes for packing gifts and food!!

Box size:

17 inches by 11 inches by 9 inches

Or similar size

Drop off anytime at Grace



Sweets for Sharing 2026 Calling all Cookie Makers! During the 2nd week of December, the INreach team will once again be putting together Christmas boxes of confections for our homebound and Grace staff. Please consider donating cookies (freshly made or store bought) or individually wrapped candies so that we can continue this much-loved tradition. We will be collecting these items at Grace in the Narthex over the next month. More details to come on our date of gathering. Thank you in advance for your generous offerings! Any questions OR to arrange a pick up or drop off of your donation, please call or email: carol.w.macdonald@gmail.com; [215-872-0472](tel:215-872-0472).



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

A message from Janet Hague: *"Thank you for your Harvest Home donations for our food cupboard. The timing was perfect, and many items went directly onto the shelves for that week's distribution. The addition of \$300 in grocery gift cards was awesome, as they allow us to fill in empty spots. Thank you for helping us to bless our neighbors."*

"Regarding volunteers, we can sometimes use more help during the 2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoon distribution (1:00 P.M.) And anyone is welcome to help us sort what we hope is a big donation of staple foods from Scouting For Food Nov. 21. The real work begins Nov. 22-25. Anyone interested can email foodcupboard@yahoo.com for details."

"You may have noticed that services have resumed at the remodeled Trinity Lighthouse Hatfield campus Saturday evenings at 5:00. You're welcome to visit. The Lighthouse congregation at Royersford is very supportive of the food cupboard ministry!"

Current top needs:

Food items: Dry Pasta (any type including lasagna), Spaghetti sauce, Canned Pineapple, Sugar, Flour, Ground Coffee

Household & Personal Care*: Shampoo & Conditioner (with caps secured)

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: November 3 & 17

Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm: November 10 & 24

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](tel: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:

Laurie Davanzo (neighbor of the MacDonalds), Linda Dexter (friend of Peggy & Bruce Schmidt), Lou Farrell, Barbara Hess, Paul Karcewski (Laura Kratz's brother), Raymond Masser, Aaron O'Conner (Liz Bauer's son), Chuck and Mary Jane Slugg, Shirley Yoder.

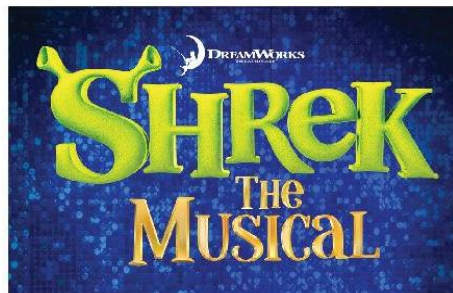
In Need of Ongoing Prayers: Liz Bauer, Suzanne Colville, Nancy Dustman (Joyce Salter's sister), Kitty Heckler, Priscilla (Shaffer) Hollerbach, Bob Kaler, Mary Lou & Ken Kratz, Peg Malloy, Hazel Mascaro, Mary Jane Moyer, Pastor Janet Peterman, Joyce Salter, Nancy Sellers, Anita Spisak (Ken Seiler's mom), 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, John F. Homan, Irene Krohnemann, Margaret (Peggy) Long, Cindy Mancuso, Jerry Mascaro, Fred Orrik (Pastor Wayne's father-in-law), William Reilly (Bob Reilly's brother), 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).

Laymen Playmen Theatre

PRESENTS



Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

SAVE THE DATE

SHREK THE MUSICAL is coming to The Laymen Playmen for their 39th production.

Show dates are March 12-14th and 19-21st 2027.

Auditions will be held at Lansdale United Methodist Church, 300 North Broad Street, Lansdale, PA 19446 on Friday Oct. 23rd 7-9pm and Saturday the 24th 10am-12pm. Cal-backs are Friday Oct. 30th 7-9pm (if required).

For more information, visit LaymenPlaymen.org



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2026



Poinsettias will be available for decoration of our Chancel. Orders are now being taken. The DEADLINE for ordering is Sunday, 12/6/26.

You may pick up your plant after the Christmas Eve Service or the following Sunday. The plants will be tagged with your name. Regrettably, we are not able to deliver the Poinsettias to friends or shut-ins.

Please place your order form along with your check in the basket marked for Christmas Poinsettias in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Stawasz 215-760-6297. Thank you.

Cost - \$8.60

1 Branched Poinsettia

4-6 Blooms

Pot Size 6"

Quantity

Red _____

White _____

Marble _____

Total \$ Amount Enclosed: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Ordered by: _____ Phone No. _____

_____ Check here if you do not want your flowers.

Make checks payable to: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Nov. 29th - 1st Sunday in Advent



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