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**Deadline for February
Grace Notes is Tuesday,
January 10. Please email
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3:30 pm).**

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In this first article of the New Year I find myself reflecting on the often neglected season of the Church Year, Epiphany; a Greek word meaning 'manifestation' or 'appearance.' This season begins on January 6 with the reading of Matthew's account of the Magi, wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the newly born Messiah; the King of the Jews. Across the centuries the Church has used the beginning of this season to acknowledge the revelation of Christ to all nations. It is the good news proclamation of the Church that Jesus, the Son of God is the Savior of all people and that no one is to be excluded from God's love. In Jesus, God reveals his loving intent for the entire world. During this important season we will ponder how God was revealed through Jesus and consider as well how God continues to reveal himself through Jesus to this very day.

In recent years the month of January has been a time of prayer for Christian unity. In a world so conflicted and confused by the mixed messages of our world and culture, it is becoming increasingly evident that as a Church we must pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to bring us to a place where the Body of Christ works together for the sake of revealing God's loving intent for his creation. Too often the many parts of the Church have worked harder at lifting up what separates us rather than drawing closer to that which unites us.

I often wonder what it is that people, who are not part of the church, see when they look in upon us. Do they see a people who truly love each other and seek to share that love with others? Do they see a people who will go the extra mile for the sake of the poor, the frail and the outcast of the world? Do they see the reflection of Jesus in the way we live and treat others? Or do they see people who are often cantankerous, hurtful and more likely to reject than accept others? Or worse yet perhaps they see nothing more than just another club that goes by the name of church. Now there is nothing wrong with clubs, but there is something very wrong when a church cannot be distinguished from any other social or service organization.

The Church is to be the body of Christ in the world; our actions, as individuals and corporately is to be a manifestation of God in the world. But unfortunately I fear that we get caught up in so many other things that the world sees very little of God in us. In the middle ages a tradition began where Christians would inscribe on the lintel of their doors the New Year and into the middle of the given year they would write the initials C+M+B. The letters stand for the three magi; Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, names ascribed to the magi sometime during the 7th

century. This blessing would happen on Epiphany and it served as a reminder to people that as they ventured out they were called to reveal Christ to the world and to also be observant to the presence of Christ in others. Perhaps we too need such a reminder for how we are to act as we go out into the world each day. I will end this article with an Epiphany House Blessing and invite you to take the time to bring family, friends and neighbors together to bless each other's

homes. The only other thing you will need is a piece of chalk to inscribe "20 C+M+B 12" on the lintel of your door. May this blessing serve as a gentle reminder that you and all of us together are called to manifest God's love in the world.

Blessing for a Home at Epiphany

INTRODUCTION

Matthew writes that when the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Matt. 2:10-11). In the home, Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, Christ is welcome.

*Twelfth Night (January 5) or another day during the season of Epiphany offers an occasion for gathering with friends and family members for a blessing of the home, using the following as a model. Someone may lead the greeting and blessing, while another person may read the scripture passage. Following an eastern European tradition, a visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door; for example, 20 + CMB + 12. The numbers change with each new year. The legendary names of the magi are Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar; later the initials came to stand for Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedica*, which means, "Christ, bless this house."*

GREETING

May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. Proverbs 24:3-4

READING

As we prepare to ask God's blessing on this household, let us listen to the words of scripture.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." John 1:1-4, 14, 16

INSCRIPTION

This inscription may be made with chalk above the entrance:

20 + C M B + 12

The magi of old, known as

C: Caspar,

M: Melchior, and

B: Balthasar

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20: two thousand

12: and twelve years ago.

+: Christ, bless this house,

+: and remain with us throughout the new year.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Kevin

The Gospel of Mark

What will I do with the Good News of Jesus Christ?

The Lutheran Church, along with many other mainline and liturgical churches, utilizes a three year lectionary for the Scripture Readings in our worship services. Both Pastor Kevin and I normally base our sermons on the assigned readings. We were taught and we believe that preaching on assigned texts forces the pastors and listeners to seriously consider the message that is from God rather than to search through the Scriptures looking for passages to make the points that we'd like to make.

So, with the beginning of the new church year in Advent we began what is called, "Year B," or the year of Mark. Because Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels, readings from John also appear throughout the year. Since we will be reading much of the Gospel of Mark in the coming weeks, I wanted to share with you a bit of an oversight of this particular gospel.

The Gospel of Mark was probably the first of the Gospels to be written. Its date of origin was somewhere around 70 AD, either a little before or a little after the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in the Jewish war with Rome. The writing does much to encourage and comfort Christians facing persecution and suffering. This writing also appears to come from the time of transition between the first and second generations of Christians. The writer sought to give a succinct account of Jesus' ministry, passion, death and resurrection.

You won't find some of your favorite biblical accounts in Mark! There is no Christmas story, no Beatitudes and in the original ending, no post-resurrection appearances beyond Easter morning itself. Unique to Mark is the parable of the seed growing secretly, the healing of the deaf and dumb man, the healing of the blind man of Bethsaida, sayings about salt, and the flight of the young man in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Jesus' death on the cross takes the central place in Mark's Gospel. Everything else must be seen in relationship to this great event. One of the themes in this gospel is what biblical scholars call "the messianic secret." A good example is found in chapter 9, verse 9 where after coming down from the Mount of

Transfiguration Jesus tells his disciples to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. The point is that only after Jesus' death and resurrection took place could the disciples then begin to make sense of what they had heard, seen, and experienced.

I believe that the Gospel of Mark has a significant relevance to us today. The writer of Mark was concerned as the faith passed from people who had known Jesus personally to those who would learn about Jesus by their witness, that there was a recording of the activities of Jesus, especially those surrounding his great sacrifice in Jerusalem. In our world today, as fewer and fewer people know the good news of Jesus, it is imperative that we who put our faith and trust in Jesus know the story and share that story with others. Mark is brief and to the point. Our witness to Christ need not be long and involved, but we do need to know about Jesus before we can share with others. We need to know about Jesus if we are to draw on this strength and direction in the midst of our troubles and suffering.

The original ending of this gospel is chapter 16, verse 8 which reads, "So, they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Later Christians were so bothered by this unusual and seemingly incomplete ending that other endings were written. They appear in brackets in most English Bibles. Check out your Bible to see the added endings! Mark's original ending is realistic and makes you think. Obviously someone began to tell others or the faith would not have been passed on!!! Yet Mark 16:8 asks each of us, "What will you do with the Good News of Jesus Christ?"

I look forward to exploring the pages of the Gospel of Mark with you throughout the coming months! I hope you have a wonderful new year and that 2012 will be a year of growth for all of us as we journey with Christ and with one another.

Pastor Martha



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

The New Year – a Time for Renewal & New Beginnings

by Sonia McCarthy

Director of Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministries

The church's New Year began with the first Sunday in Advent. The Gregorian New Year brings with it the time of reflection over the events of the past twelve months, plans for improvement for the coming year, and hope for a better future in following God. What carries us into 2012 is the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In speaking with Charlie Beckhardt on New Member Sunday I commented that what I liked about Grace was that our congregation is a "workshop", not a "museum." By that I mean that the reason I joined Grace and the mission here is because I see everyone coming together to fulfill God's purpose in the world. Workshops are used. They sometimes get messy. Grace is a place where God's people conduct God's business. I like that! Museum churches are nice to look at but not places where God is moving and creating new beginnings of faith and care.

At Grace, Youth Ministry is more than programs and events. It's an avenue by which our congregation points younger members to the deeper faith we experience through Jesus Christ. May this year be a time of discovery, renewal, and new beginnings as we explore how to live the scriptures in daily life within the context of a supportive community of peers and adults. God's blessings to you this New Year!

Middle School Youth Quake

by Sonia McCarthy



Grace's Middle School youth will enjoy seeing our *Captive Free* friends again! Alex, Becca, Blake, Jordie & Tabitha will be the house band @ this year's **Hunt Valley Youth Quake**, on **January 6-8, 2012!**

They're ready for lots of fun as they learn about being rooted in God . . . and the indoor, heated pool & hanging out with Pastor Martha are a definite *plus!*

High School Road Trip

by Sonia McCarthy

The **High School Road Trip** in **Ocean City, MD** is **January 20-22, 2012!** Besides lots of fun, we'll learn how God speaks to us in our lives today. Youth are caught in the complicated mix of school, work, sports, parents and friends. The weekend's events are filled with excitement and energy to assist youth in dealing with the challenges & frustrations faced in our post-modern world. God is still speaking to youth & they are listening!



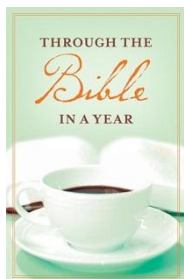
High School Tubing – January 29, 1-4pm

by Sonia McCarthy



Grace's High School youth will be enjoying a **Winter Fun Day of Tubing** at **Ski Liberty**, on **Sunday, January 29th**, beginning with our **1pm Lunch + 2-4pm Tubing!** The cost is \$39 and includes tubing & lunch (choice of pizza + chips OR hotdog + fries w/cookie & small drink). Please RSVP by Sunday, January 22nd to Sonia w/your check made out to Grace Lutheran Church (subject line: TUBING).

Daily Bible Readings for 2012



Bible reading and prayer is an important part of everyday life for active Christians. In order to help you develop and/or sustain this important spiritual practice in your life, Grace is providing a guide for Daily Bible Reading. In the past, members have often purchased a Bible through the church. This year, in an effort to practice good stewardship, we are offering a Reading Guide and encouraging you to utilize your own Bible. If you do not have a Bible or would like to explore a different kind, please speak with Pastor Kevin, Pastor Martha, or Sonia McCarthy. They can help you find an appropriate Bible.

Daily Bible Guides will be distributed during worship on New Year's Day. They will be available throughout the month of January. We encourage you to make daily Bible reading and prayer a part of your life in 2012.

Attention Women!!

After a year without an overnight retreat, we are now planning a retreat for March 23-25, 2012! It will be held at the Manor at Middle Creek, a bed and breakfast style retreat center near Fairfield, PA. There will be a retreat planning meeting on Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 PM in the Parlor next to Pastor Martha's office. (Snow date is Saturday, January 14 at 11:00 am.) If you would like to help plan the retreat, please let Pastor Martha know. Watch the weekly announcements and February Grace Notes for details and registration information.

Celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 pm in Grace Hall

This year, the Churches of the Westminster Ministerium again will celebrate our unity in Christ by joining together for a worship service that includes prayer and special music. Please plan to attend this event which brings together many of the Christian congregations in our community. Pastor Martha serves as the President of the Westminster Ecumenical Ministerium. Both of our pastors are actively involved in the Ministerium and urge you to be a part of this exciting event. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated worldwide. This year's theme is "We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Thank You!

Thank you to all the **Council members** whose terms have concluded. We are grateful for your time and service to the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church. We appreciate your commitment of service.

A thank you card received from **Breanna Strevig**: Thank you all so much for the Starbucks gift card! I LOVE coffee, and it will definitely warm me up this winter. I hope you all have a great holiday and thank you for thinking of me!

Christ in Our Home Booklets

A new quarter of Christ in Our Home booklets are now available – January – March, 2012. These are available outside Grace Hall, the Sanctuary, in the Lower Gathering Space and in the church office.

New Flower Charts for 2012



New flower sign up charts for 2012 are available and are posted on the bulletin boards in the Cloister (for the Sanctuary) and in the Upper Gathering Space (for Grace Hall). Please sign up to help us decorate our worship spaces.

Grace Lutheran Couples Retreat – February 10 & 11, 2012 **“Your Time-Starved Marriage”**

Pastor Kevin and Pastor Martha invite you to participate in a retreat designed to encourage, enrich and support married couples in our congregation. All of the sessions will be led by the pastors. This is a new ministry offering and we hope you will prayerfully consider joining us.

Utilizing thoughtful material produced by Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott, couples will explore their understandings of time and how it impacts their relationship. When it comes to time, are you an “Accommodator” or a “Dreamer” or a “Planner” or a “Processor”? What if your spouse has a different style? Participants will be encouraged to find ways to support each person’s style rather than trying to change or avoid one another!

In addition to discussion of the topic, there will be time for devotions and prayer as well as time for fun and relaxation. This retreat could be a gift that you give to yourselves...a brief winter break away from the normal routine.

The retreat will be held at the Manor at Middle Creek, a restored Civil War-era house located on a major road near Fairfield, PA. (Good for winter travel.) **The retreat begins with dinner at 7:00 PM on Friday evening. It will end at 4:00 PM on Saturday afternoon.** The Manor is set up like a bed and breakfast. The rooms have twin beds (: and private baths ☺! There is plenty of room to spread out and relax. The food is prepared by a chef and is reported to be delicious! **The cost is \$150 per couple.** If you are able to pay the entire fee before the retreat that would be helpful. It also is acceptable to stretch it out into three monthly payments between January and March.

Space is limited to eleven couples plus the pastors, so registration will take place on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once you have registered, you will be sent a letter with directions, schedule details, and a 10 minute assignment to prepare for the retreat.

To register: Please turn your registration into Pastor Martha by providing a deposit of at least \$50 (checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church), along with your names and best way to contact you. Don’t forget the retreat is limited to 11 couples, so please register as soon as possible!

January Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar

Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Monday, January 23 from 2-8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. Call or email: Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.



Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Christmas Programs

Thanks to all the families who donated items to our Christmas programs and party celebrations. We hope everyone enjoyed the singing by the children (and our teachers) along with the fellowship among the other families in the classrooms.

Community Service Projects

During the month of November we collected nonperishable foods to donate to Carroll Food Sunday. Our wonderful children donated over 440 pounds of Italian foods, cereals, canned fruits and vegetables! In December we had a mitten tree which was decorated with over 50 pairs of mittens/gloves and 45 hats along with a few scarves and cute little booties! We are blessed to have such generous and caring families.

Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year

We will begin taking registrations on January 3, for the 2011-2012 school year. Current students and siblings have first priority for registration from January 3-13. **Grace Lutheran congregational members** will be able to register from January 16-20. On January 23 we will open registration to the public. If you are interested in registering, please call Anita at the preschool office, 410-848-7020 for more information or to schedule a visit and observe the classrooms. Registration forms are available in the literature racks or may be downloaded from the website. **Please note that we are making changes to our schedule next year. Our school hours will be from 9:00-12:00 and we will be having a class from 9:00-2:00 Monday, Wednesday and Friday for our Pre-K four-year olds.** If you have any questions, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

Two day two-year olds: Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday

Two day three-year olds: Tuesday and Thursday

Three day three-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Three day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Four day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday through Thursday

Five day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday through Friday

Three day 9:00-2:00 Pre-K four-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday



Dates to Remember

January 3 – School reopens

January 3-13 – Registration for returning students and siblings

January 16-20 – Registration for Grace Lutheran members

January 23 – Registration opens to the public

January 16 – No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 27 – No School – Teacher Professional Day

Field Trips

The Pre-K four-year old classes will be visiting Piney Run Park on January 11, 12 and 13 to learn about animals in winter.

Family Fun Night/Silent Auction

Our annual family fun night is being planned for February 24; we are planning a Recycling/Going green theme. If you are interested in donating something to the silent auction, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

Thursday Evening Book Club

"Love Wins," by Rob Bell is the next book being studied by the Thursday Evening Book Club. Books are now available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary and on the counter in the Sacristy for people who are interested in joining in this exciting discussion. Please sign the list when you take your book. The cost per book is \$10 to be paid on the first evening that we meet. If you have questions, please see Pastor Martha.

In "Love Wins," the author explores the relationship between God's love and God's judgment. He asks the reader to look more deeply at what the Bible has to say about "heaven," "hell," and "salvation." "Bell fights every impulse in our culture to domesticate Jesus [and] challenges the reader to be open to surprise, mystery and all of the unanswerables . . . Bell has given theologically suspicious Christians new courage to bet their life on Jesus Christ." (Christian Century)

We will discuss the book on January 12, January 26, and February 9 at 7pm in the Library. Please join us as we go deeper into challenging questions about our faith. New readers are always welcome in the Thursday Evening Book Club!!!

CLV Winter Games

Friends of the Village presents Winter Games to benefit Ministry of Caring Endowment to be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 1:00-4:00 pm in the Hospitality Building Bistro Dining Room. Cost is \$13.00 per person. There will be door prizes, food, cards, board games and a 50/50. For ticket information, contact Betty Thomas at 410-848-1814 or Ed and Ruth Jane Barth at 410-848-5706.



Grace Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation



NOTE: We are in the process of changing over to a new computer-based membership database system. Please help us keep our records accurate, especially during the transition. If you notice any missing birthdays, incorrect addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc., please be sure to let the office staff know so we can update our records. Thank you!



FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE

2012 Membership Drive

Mission of Carroll Lutheran Village

Carroll Lutheran Village is a Continuing Care Retirement Community dedicated to the ministry of caring in a Christian atmosphere fostering quality life and services for the whole person.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Member Name: _____ Spouse's Name _____
 (Please print) First Last

Address: _____
 Street City Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____

The Friends of the Village (FOV) membership works to support and enrich the lives of the residents of Carroll Lutheran Village, most especially its most frail and vulnerable individuals.

FOV is blessed with many tireless and talented members who contribute hours of their time to host fundraising events, volunteer in the Village gift shops, plan activities for residents, provide scholarships to students, and other activities.

Any interested person may become FOV members. There are many ways you can contribute.

Share our joy in supporting this ministry of the church.

☐ I would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Carroll Lutheran Village

☐ Annual Membership (\$5)

☐ Life Member \$100

I believe in the Mission of Carroll Lutheran Village and here is my additional gift.

☐ The Brotherhood Circle (\$6 to \$50)

☐ Asbury Club (\$501—\$999)

☐ Partner's Circle (\$51—\$99)

☐ Martin Luther Club (\$1000 & up)

☐ The Carroll Society (\$101—\$500)

All gifts are tax deductible and are for the benefit of *Carroll Lutheran Village*.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Checks are payable to *Friends of the Village*

Donation Amount: _____ Check # _____

(Minimum \$10 donation for credit card use)

☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Am Ex ☐ Discover

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin

Timmy's Corner

Happy New Year everybody,

I'm about partied out, how about you? It was sure nice to see and hear about all the Christmas activities going on at Grace Lutheran Church this past month. But, once again, I consumed too much food, especially desserts. It was hard moving about in my shell, so oh well, I took a nap! When I woke up, it was 2012 and I knew I had to make my New Year's resolutions. I'll admit I do tend to creep along after I've made most of my plans. I gave up chasing rabbits many years ago and joining gyms, you must be kidding. Have you ever seen a slender terrapin? I had an uncle that tried it once, he either had to push or pull his housing wherever he went; it wasn't a pleasant sight.

I need to do more this new year with and for those others that are pushing or pulling their way through life. This year wasn't the best on record for natural disasters. Record rains, flooding and droughts hurt many property owners and farmers with their livelihoods. It's difficult to know where to begin with the problems caused by such damage and loss. One sure way is by supporting ELCA World Hunger each month with a donation. If you don't already, you can start with a dollar a month. The specially marked envelope comes with the other envelopes you receive for each week's offering. If monthly is too often, please consider a yearly donation. It's handled the same way and it will help get folks back on their road to recovery.

Before I go, I have to tell you, you all did an outstanding job at Grace last year by serving 13,000 meals to people in need; to the many contributors of supplies, the fine people cooking in the kitchen, to the people who pick up donations from other businesses, the planners and cleaner-uppers... God Bless!

Happy New Year,

Timmy

Personal Notes

Baptized into the Body of Christ:

11/6/11 – Owen Thomas Burk, son of Robert and Susan Burk

In Memoriam:

We would like to express our condolences to the following family who lost a loved one recently:

Family of Edna M. Rohrer – November 18, 2011

Women of the ELCA



The WELCA of Grace will meet on **Monday, January 16, 2012 at 1:30 pm** to assemble AIDS/Hospice Kits. The HIV/AIDS Epidemic has added enormous challenges to health care worldwide. Missionaries, their health care worker colleagues and patients' families in third world countries must provide daily care to AIDS patients who suffer from the symptoms of a devastating, end stage disease. There is pain, nausea, diarrhea, skin eruptions, to name a few. It is not a disease we can ignore and it is not going away.

But what can we do to help? Monetary donations or kit item donations from the congregation are appreciated. An AIDS/Hospice Kit can provide cleanliness and comfort. Our prayers and generosity can reach far into the lives of those who have been affected. WELCA is collecting items in boxes in the Gathering Spaces. Each kit contains:

New items:

- 1 bath-size bar of hand soap (wrapped)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste, medium or large (or two small sample sizes)
- 1 "Pick" comb
- 1 Nail clipper
- 6 Band-aids
- 1 jar or tube of petroleum jelly
- Used devotional book (any time frame, any type – Christ in Our Home, Our Daily Bread, etc.)

Kits will be sent to Global Health Ministries which is an organization that provides financial and material support to Lutheran health care mission programs in developing countries. GHM supporters believe there are significant untapped health care resources in the United States that are desperately needed by Lutheran medical missionaries and the people they serve overseas.

25th Annual Day of Renewal

Delaware Maryland Synodical Women's Organization

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
7910 Belair Road
Nottingham (Fullerton), MD 21236

Saturday, January 21, 2012 (Snow Date: January 28, 2012)

Presenter: The Reverend Sandra Alexis
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD

"Loose Ends"

Schedule:

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| 8:45 am | Registration, coffee, snacks, Fellowship Hall (Use handicap ramp) |
| 9:20 am | Welcome and Announcements, Sanctuary |
| 9:30 am | Presentation – "Loose Ends" – The Rev. Sandra Alexis |
| 11:15 am | Worship and Holy Communion – The Rev. Sandra Alexis |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch, Fellowship Hall |
| | Bring a sandwich – soup, beverage and dessert provided |
| 1:30 pm | Go in peace, Serve the Lord |

Registration is \$6.00 per person. Deadline to register is January 14, 2012. Contact Helen Englar at 410-848-3874 to register.

January Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

10:00 am All Grace Worship Service (GH)
7:00 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - HOLIDAY

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

10:30 am Tuesday Morning Bible Overview (L)
12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
5:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (FH, T, UGS)
7:00 pm Women's Retreat Planning Meeting (Parlor)

SNOW DATE: January 14, 2012

7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible Overview (FH)
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (108)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

Youth Leave for Youth Quake in Hunt Valley
6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
5:30 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
10:15 am Christian Education Hour
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
12:00 pm Youth Return from Youth Quake
7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
7:00 pm Stephen Ministers Meeting (107/108)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

10:30 am Tuesday Morning Bible Overview (L)
12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
5:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (FH, T, UGS)
7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (LGS)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible Overview (FH)
7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (108)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (108)
7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
5:30 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
10:15 am Christian Education Hour
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

January Calendar of Events (continued)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

10:30 am Tuesday Morning Bible Overview (L)
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (FH, T, UGS)
 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)
 7:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible Overview (FH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 6:30 pm LFOG Board Meeting (107)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 5:30 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)
 7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FH)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (FH, T, UGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 5:30 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 3:00 pm Prayer for Christian Unity Worship (GH)
 7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012

10:30 am Tuesday Morning Bible Overview (L)
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (FH, T, UGS)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (LGS)

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall
 (T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper
 Gathering Space (LGS) Lower Gathering Space
 (MR) Music Room (L) Library

January Worship Leaders & Assistants



JANUARY 1, 2012 – ALL GRACE

10:00 am – Pastors

Communion Assistants: Harold Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Viera Sabol, Charlie Beckhardt, Kara Schuster

Ushers: Steve Sabol, Don Ludwig, Gary Ganjon, Randy Bachtel

JANUARY 7-8, 2012

5:00 pm – Kay Betz

7:45 am – Charley Lidard

9:00 am – Paul Whitson

Communion Assistants: Stacie Dowling, Michele Krichinsky, Kim Eckenrode, Chad Plendl, Bill Comegna

Ushers: Ron Fairchild, Rachel Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, Matthew Fairchild

11:15 am – Greg Hare

JANUARY 14-15, 2012

5:00 pm – Bob and Maddie Lichtfuss

7:45 am – Dena Hodges

9:00 am – Michele Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Al Law, Sheila Law, Sonia McCarthy, Ron Wentz, Sue Roach

Ushers: Doris Hare, Greg Hare, Randy Bachtel, Barbara Serghini

11:15 am – Kara Schuster, **READER:** Leonard Cherry

JANUARY 21-22, 2012

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman, Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Pete Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Jan Mickey, Sharon Glass, Taylor-Glass Button, Mike Button, Don Hodges

Ushers: Perry Crawl, Nancy Taylor, Brian Sherfey, Linwood Van Horn

11:15 am – Rich Schuster, **READER:** Jake Beckhardt

JANUARY 28-29, 2012

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner, **READER:** John Baumgardner

7:45 am – Craig Giles

9:00 am – Rachel Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Sharon Ramsey, Laura Heller, Pete Morano, Dottie Morano, Paul Whitson

Ushers: Janet Harrison, Deborah Brennan, Katie Brennan, John Yarish

11:15 am – Charlie Beckhardt

JANUARY Birthdays

January 1

Bieligk, Logan
 Bradfield, Melanie
 Gardner, Aiden
 Law, Alton
 Miller, Jessica
 Morelock, Robert
 Ways, Jennifer

January 2

Warehime, Isabelle

January 3

Hadden, Brandon
 Kaufman, Leslie
 Palazzo, Gavin

January 4

Dorsey, Jayna Lin
 Geary, Nancy
 McIver, Macy

January 5

Good, Virginia
 Humbert, Linda
 Lippy, Betty

January 6

Fernandez, Aida
 Paulsen, Lauren

January 7

Bair, Robert (Max)
 Jenkins, Ethel
 Sparrow, Virginia
 Stair, Lauren

January 8

Chamelin, Natalie

January 9

Casper, John
 Krempin, Mary
 Kurland, Robert
 Steinbrenner, Jackson

January 10

Comegna, Brian
 Dietz, Andrew
 Hyde, Elaine
 Piisila, Emily

January 11

Eppler, Thomas
 Leister, Mary (Becky)

January 12

Blakeney, Paul
 Plunkert, Carol
 Swartzbaugh, Amy

January 13

Cohen, Kit
 Rath, Allison
 Rath, Katelynn
 Wiskeman, Larry

January 14

Cockley, Jenna
 Fairchild, Matthew
 Lockard, Leah

January 15

Burk, Susan
 Maloon, Sharon

January 16

Fletcher, Teresa

January 17

Crew, Charles
 Culver, Joshua Jo
 Ganjon, Gary
 Gordon III, Thomas
 Hadden, Glen Jr.
 Helm, Donna
 Murphy, Joann

January 18

Blount, Carolyn
 Brown, Kathryn
 Dorsey, Alexander
 Gilbert, Jerry
 Monka, David
 Myers, Naomi

January 19

Hirt, Cynthia
 Pasek, John

January 20

Andalora, Marie
 Gardner, Shane
 Kilmer, Jonathan
 Smith, Cassandra

January 21

Conover, Elaine
 Crowl, Perry

January 22

Davis, Taylor
 Houck, Joyce
 Leister, James
 Lockard, David
 Stauffer, Dana Yarish

January 23

Bish, Carroll F.
 Dillenbeck, Nina
 McGinnis, Kevin
 Steinbrenner, Christina
 Streaker, Elissa

January 24

Barnes, Jeffrey
 Pringle, Callan

January 26

Janke, Liam
 Shimoda, Jessica
 Strevig, Britta

January 27

Ludwig, Edward (Buzz)
 McKinney, Joseph Sr.
 Rosendahl, Cheryl

January 28

Betz, Alfred
 Kessler, Raymond (Chip)

January 29

Lauer-Miller, Gail
 Ocasio, Gabrielle
 Pasek, Matthew
 Vadder, Joseph

January 30

Blakeney, Gloria
 Carr, Janet
 Schaeffer, Deborah

January 31

Meyers, Christopher

Please remember in your prayers...

Names will remain on the Continuing Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise requested. Names will then be removed unless another request is made. Please contact Dawn Stem in the church office (410-848-7020) with any prayer requests or email dstem@gracelc.org.



Those who are serving our country: Marshall Brown, Lt. Ryan Chaney, Tim Cooke, Jr., PFC Tyler Czarnowsky, Brandon Hadden, Steve Haines, Jonathan Jones, Nathan Karlson, Jeff Kelly, Christian Maisel, Adam Miller, Leah Miller, Steven P. Miller, Jr., David Ramsey, Paul Roberts, Chris St. Germain, Fred Tiedemann, Joel Whitson, and for all those unnamed individuals serving in our military, especially in war-zone areas

Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers: Sarah Barnes, Elinor Causey, Betsy Falkenstein, Elizabeth Fritz, Trudy Hirt, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Mary Ruth Mason, Donald and Nancy Michael, Evelyn Nevius, Virginia Sparrow, Ellen Terry, Margaret Zepp

Continuing Prayers: Dawn and Rosby, Darrin Arbaugh, Adam Barnes, Marion Bauman, Patricia Baumgardner, Glenn Becker, Earl Blum, Brian Bowersox, Sandie Bowman, Troy Bowman, Shirley Boyle, Patricia Buscemi, Barbara Caples, Julia Anne and Rich Crawley, Rocky Davis, Charles Haas, Christine Hale, Joyce Hertsch, Gertrude Hirt, Jennifer Hudson, Dennis Hughes, Sanford Kirkland, Mary Krempin, Sharon Little, Robert and Linda Meil, Wilda Miller, Naomi Myers, Ed Pinder, Carol Riggelman, Jason Rollings, Thelma Schlerf, Julia Thomas

Seminarians: Beth Clementson, Laura Heller and Sonia McCarthy

Also pray for our pastors, the members of the Church Council, the staff and all of God's children at Grace Lutheran Church.

NOTE: If you or someone you know is going into the hospital, please call the church office as soon as possible.



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