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Deadline for March

**Grace Notes is Tuesday,
February 14. Please email
your news to Dawn –
dstem@gracelc.org or
stop by the office during
office hours (8:30 am to
3:30 pm).**

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From Christmas to Lent

I don't know about you, but I tend to procrastinate when it comes to putting away the Christmas decorations. There is such a sense of anticipation when the decorations come out. They remind us of what is to come and the need to prepare our homes and our hearts. Although we've heard the *good news* before, each year there is a sense of joy and wonder when we hear again that God loves us so much that his Son would come into the world to live among us.

Now we are in those weeks of transition. The good news of Jesus' birth still lingers in the air, but we know that the good news will soon take on a different form as the church year moves along and we are drawn into the season of Lent. It won't be long until we will be reminded that the innocent child born in Bethlehem will be the sinless Son of God who lays down his life for his friends. You and I are among those friends.

Detailed plans for Lent here at Grace are still taking shape. I want to remind you of the dates and opportunities that will begin in February. Please watch the weekly announcements and the website for more details.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent is February 22. We will have worship services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. In addition to the celebration of Holy Communion, worshippers will have the option of coming forward to receive ashes on our foreheads. "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" are the words spoken to each of us. That reminder is not a dismal, depressing reminder of death. Rather it is a proclamation that God who created us journeys with us in this life and then carries us into the life that is to come. Always, from our very beginning we are in God's good and compassionate care.

Each Wednesday evening during Lent we will join together for the traditional Soup Supper (served between 6:00 and 6:45) followed by a worship service (7:00). These services are approximately 45 minutes in length and are designed to include our younger members as well as adults. Those of us who grew up on "Midweek Lenten Services" can tell you how meaningful it is to know that during this particular six week period we go out of our way to be together with our brothers and sisters in Christ remembering Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. I encourage you to make the commitment to join us for Wednesday evening services this year.

During Lent this year, adults will have an extra-special educational opportunity. Dr. Marty Stevens, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and the Arthur L. Larson position of Stewardship and Parish Ministry at the Lutheran Theological Seminary

in Gettysburg, will be with us on Saturday, March 3 for a special day of learning and reflection. She will offer two presentations and lunch will be included in the day. Again, please watch the announcements for more details since we

are still working out the specifics with Dr. Stevens who has been in Israel during the month of January! Our congregation has been blessed by opportunities to learn from seminary professors due to our close proximity to Gettysburg. Those of us who attended the Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly last June heard Dr. Stevens lead the Bible study and we all learned from her and wanted to give you the same opportunity. Please mark your calendar now!!

Lent is a reminder that the life of faith is a journey. The more we participate the more we learn and grow. These six weeks have served as a period of growth for Christians for centuries. In our contemporary world, it is tempting to think that we are too busy to add an evening of worship and fellowship to our schedule. We are tempted to think of all the reasons we don't want to spend extra time at church. But I know from my own experience that spending the additional time with our Lord does deepen our walk with him. In days of uncertainty and anxiety we need to spend that time with God. We need to teach our children this discipline because it will serve them well throughout their lives. Please plan to make the journey with us.

As the signs of Christmas disappear, let us look with hope and expectation to the days that lie ahead. The baby born in Bethlehem came to give his life so that we might have life. Let us show our thanks in these weeks ahead.

Pastor Martha Clementson

This is Christ's Church ... There is a Place for You Here

"This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here." You will discover these words posted on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America website. They are words of welcome meant for a people who find themselves too often on the outside looking in. There is a pastor (Nadia Bolz-Weber) in Colorado who is developing a new congregation designed to reach out to the disenfranchised young adults within the Denver area. In the description of those who make up the gathering of the House for All Sinners and Saints it is said that about a quarter of them come from church backgrounds and the other three quarters have a background in the ever popular "nothing." Here is a community of faith that practices Radical Hospitality; a living out of the ELCA motto: "This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here."

Part of the not-so-ancient folklore of Grace Lutheran Church, concerns the gift of land that was offered to the congregation in order to build a large campus program on the outskirts of Westminster. It was a generous gift that invited consideration for all sorts of new and amazing ministries. However, the members of Grace made a conscious choice to remain at the Carroll Street location close to the community and people members felt that Christ had called them to serve. This was one of the stories about Grace that drew me to this community of faith. What courage to stay rooted in a place and committed to a ministry of Radical Hospitality. Every

week I am reminded of the rich diversity of our congregation that is made of God's children who are so wonderfully diverse and symbolic of God's gracious imagination.

A sister congregation within Westminster goes by the hospitable name – Church of the Open Door. One day a member of Grace jokingly commented that perhaps we ought to go by the nickname, The Church of the Many Doors. I personally like that nickname because it reflects the many ways in which people can find their way into the life of Grace. A person who attends one of the four addiction support groups at Grace told me that he has come to think of this place as his church. He hasn't worshipped with us yet, but he knows that he is indeed welcome to join us. Tuesdays for lunch and Thursdays for dinner we provide needed meals to our friends and neighbors who know they are welcome to come in and share a meal. Over the years it has been a great joy to see some of them return on Sundays and become a part of the worshipping family.

Long ago one of my professors challenged me to remember that anytime a person comes through the door of a church they have come out of need. Sometimes it is a need that they cannot identify or articulate, but they have come seeking God's love and the companionship of God's children. I have never forgotten those words and each Sunday they motivate me to prayerfully wonder if I am (and we are) doing all we can

to address the needs and concerns of those who enter through one of our many doors into Grace. What draws them, what draws us to Church? I know that for me it is the joy of belonging to the family of God. How wonderful it is to come and be with people who are my brothers and sisters in Christ. Sometimes we come into each other's presence broken and hurting, lost, or beaten down too shy or maybe too proud to say anything to another. But how good it is when we come so burdened and just one other person will take the time to care and if for only an unknowing moment shares our silent burden.

What is Radical Hospitality? It is the act of acknowledging that everyone has been invited to Christ's Church and that we who are already here are absolutely delighted to welcome another of God's children into our midst. In a world that is quick to label another and determined to separate us one from another; the Church of Radical Hospitality acknowledges only one label, Child of God. All around there are broken and wounded people who seek to be loved, let us go outside the many door of our church and welcome these our brothers and sisters so that they might find healing and wholeness which can only come from the unbounded love of God.

Peace, Pastor Kevin



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development



I would like to begin this month's Music Notes article by recognizing and thanking everyone who participated musically at Grace this holiday season! There has been much musical activity in the traditional life of this church this year from Chancel Choir and Agape Handbell Choir members, Luther Choir members and parents, members of the Christmas Band, Festival Choir and various instrumental and vocal soloists who have been enhancing our worship. We are indeed fortunate to have such a wealth of musical talent right here within our church family!

I was especially pleased with the Christmas cantata "Love's Pure Light" performed on December 18 in Grace Hall. The narrators, Christmas Band, Luther Choir, Akaloo Kids, Chancel and Festival Choirs, and soloist truly helped to make the Christmas season spectacular this year.

Also, the 3rd Annual Christmas Organ Recital by Ted Dix and Friends was a great success with many in attendance. We would like to build on this program in the future with some more publicity and perhaps radio and/or TV coverage.

Rehearsals are beginning for the Lent/Easter 2012 season. If you or any member of your family has thought about joining one of our various traditional ensembles, we hope to see you now at one of the following rehearsals:

AGAPE HANDBELL CHOIR: Mondays, 7pm to 8:30pm, in the Music Room.

LUTHER CHOIR (Grades K-5): Wednesdays, 5:45pm to 6:15pm, in the Music Room.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursdays, 7pm to 8:30pm, in the Music Room.

FESTIVAL CHOIR (March 8 to April 12): Thursdays, 8pm to 9pm, in the Music Room. The Easter cantata will be performed at the 10am All Grace Worship Service on April 15th.

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Sunday, March 18 at 3pm – Organist Ted Dix and Friends will perform a recital of works for organ and brass at Baker Memorial Chapel on the campus of McDaniel College.
- Sunday, April 15 at 10am – The choirs and soloists will perform an Easter cantata at the All Grace service in Grace Hall.



The WELCA of Grace will meet on **Monday, February 20, 2012 at 1:30 pm.** Helen Englar will be presenting a Lenten reflection program entitled "Looking into the Mirror."

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. The cost is \$36 for either location.



Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

2012/2013 Registration

Registration for the 2012/2013 school year began on January 3 and is now open to the public. **We are expanding our hours next year to 9:00-12:00 and offering a 9:00-2:00 MWF class for pre-K four-year olds.** Registration forms and brochures are located in the literature racks and can be downloaded from the website. If you know of someone who would benefit from our program please pass along the information; ***you are our best form of advertisement!*** Please call Anita at 410-848-7020 in the preschool office if you are interested in scheduling a visit.

Dining Out

We will be at Frisco's Pub on February 22. Little Friends of Grace will receive 10% of **all** sales this evening. All proceeds benefit the LFOG scholarship program. We hope you can join us.

Family Fun Night

We will be having our fourth annual Family Fun Night on February 24 from 6:30 to 8:00. This year we will have a "Going Green" theme along with food, entertainment, crafts and stories. We are also looking for middle or high schoolers who are in need of community service hours. Please call the preschool if you would like more details on the event.

Silent Auction

On February 24, we will be having a silent auction in conjunction with our Family Fun Night. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit our scholarship program. This is our major fundraiser of the school year. If you are interested in donating an item for the auction, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

Dates to Remember

- February 20 – No School – President's Day
- February 21 – No School – Teacher Professional Day
- February 22 – Dining out at Frisco's Pub
- February 24 – Family Fun Night and Silent Auction



February Kids' Night Out

Movie Night!

Saturday, February 4 from 6 - 9 pm

Room 101

Children may come dressed in (appropriate) pajamas. We will serve breakfast for dinner and watch the movie "Smurfs," rated PG. Detailed movie reviews can be found online at www.pluggedinonline.com or www.imdb.com.

This event is for all children, ages 0-11. The Nursery will be open for younger children. Parents are asked to please follow our registration procedures at the table in the LFOG hallway before dropping off your children.

Parents are encouraged to go on a Valentine's date!

Teens ages 12-18 are encouraged to help. (Confirmation & community service hours available.) Adult volunteers are also needed and very welcome!!

Contact Christy Vadder, 410.374.3144 or cjvadder@gmail.com for more information. To make reservations, please complete an RCR card during the weekend worship services.

Carroll Lutheran School's 10th Annual Kid's Consignment Sale

Carroll Lutheran School will be having their 10th Annual Kid's Consignment Sale on Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 7:00am to 12:00pm at the Shipley Arena at the Carroll County Agricultural Center (located off Gist Road between Center Street and Smith Avenue in Westminster). A ½-price sale will be held 3:00pm to 5:00pm! If you wish to consign, please register on the school's website at www.CarrollLutheranSchool.org or call 443-286-1559.

Adult Education – Share Your Ideas

The Adult Education Committee has engaged our congregation in a variety of opportunities to explore and awaken our journey with God over the last several years – in-depth Bible study classes, spiritual deepening classes and pilgrimages, seminary speaker series, book studies and more. If you would like to contribute your ideas for new and/or existing programs, we welcome and encourage your input and participation in whatever way you are called to contribute. Time and commitment are up to you! Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month, 7 to 8:30 pm, in The Parlor beside of Pastor Martha's office. We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

Pastor Martha, Sharon Glass (Chairperson), and the Adult Education Committee members

Grace Boomers Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Grace Boomers will hold a Super Bowl Party at the home of Jeff and Amy Pringle. Participants are asked to bring a main dish, a salad or a dessert. Please let us know that you plan to attend and what you plan to bring by signing an RCR card at worship or by calling Cathy Barnes at 410-875-4291. If you need directions to the Pringles' home, please call Amy at 410-861-6223.



Grace Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

THE 11,000TH CHURCH HAS JOINED THE NATIONAL STEPHEN MINISTRIES PROGRAM!! All churches receive the same leaders' training and are provided with a curriculum to teach Stephen Ministers. That way a Stephen Minister trained by us is allowed to join another program worldwide and be effective.

At Grace Lutheran we have completed our tenth year OF TRAINING AND ACCOUNTABILITY with the Stephen Series. In that time we have had 8 leaders trained and have trained 37 Stephen Ministers for our church plus other Stephen Ministers for other churches. Because of this, we have been able to provide over 3000 hours of support in the hospital and homes of individuals from Grace Lutheran.

Please consider joining this program next year.

CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE



Super Savings Opportunity for Members and Friends of Grace

Grace recently renewed our memberships with BJ's Wholesale Club and we have the opportunity to extend our benefits to Members and Friends of Grace. Our sales representative, Steve Taylor is offering a 14 month membership (2 cards) for \$40.00 a year. Please call Steve at 410-903-0539 or email him at 14clubmonths@gmail.com to start your membership today. Let him know you are affiliated with Grace Lutheran Church!

If you have paid full price for a membership in the past year, but would like to take advantage of this special pricing, just cancel your current subscription. Your money will be refunded to you, and you can purchase a new membership through Steve.



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Steve's business cards are also available in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces.

Job Opening in Slovakia

(letter received and translated to English)

Greetings from Hanušovce and wishing you a blessed Advent season.

Mrs. Vierka (Viera),

The principal of the elementary school in Hanušovce is offering a position of a lector for teaching the English language. It doesn't have to be a qualified teacher. Simply, if he (she) would speak only in English with students. Person does not need to speak Slovak. The school would provide employment contract from September 2012 to June 2013 and salary (around 400 eu). If you would have anyone in your congregation or your pastors would know a person who would like to come to get to know Slovakia and teach English language, we would certainly take good care of him (her). It would be ideal, if the person might also work in our congregation – meetings with children and youth. In the congregation we would provide housing and food. We believe that person would feel like at home.

Greetings also to your congregation, pastors and other believers.

Wishing you a blessed time.

Pastor Martin Škarupa



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!

Sonia McCarthy Leaves Position at Grace

On January 12, Sonia McCarthy left the position of Director of Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministries here at Grace. Sonia served in the position since July 1, 2011. In mutual discernment, Sonia and our congregation's leadership in these areas of ministry agreed that Sonia's skills and interests were taking her in a different direction of ministry. Sonia will continue her seminary study that will prepare her for chaplaincy work as a Diaconal Minister. She was a willing and faithful worker. We give thanks for Sonia's time with us and wish her well as she continues on in seminary.



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin

Timmy's Corner

It's February now so welcome to mid-winter. For being the shortest month, we sure have a lot packed into it. It is National Heart Month. National Freedom Day starts off the month on the 1st; the 2nd is Groundhog Day, poor Phil. Boy Scouts get a whole week, 4th - 11th; Make a Friend Day also shares the 11th, followed by Paul Bunyan Day on the 12th. Why do we celebrate this one? Maybe we better ask Pastor Kevin! President's Day is the 20th and that means schools are closed and special sales are everywhere. One of my favorites is the 22nd, which is National Be Humble Day. And last of all this is a Leap Year. Some of us may remember the 29th as Sadie Hawkins Day, when a gal got to ask the feller for a date.

Whatever the day or occasion, just enjoy it, have fun with someone or by yourself, be safe and make someone else happy. While I was researching these February dates I also discovered that daily, Lutheran World Relief feeds two million people each and every day throughout the year and that's another reason to happy. What would you do if those two million people showed up at your doors? LWR has the doors, people and planning to do it, but they can't do it without our help. I found out that a child can be fed for a year for only \$36.00 and a family can be fed for \$144.00 a year. That may seem like a lot, but if we each gave \$3.00 a month, we could feed over 1600 children. Just \$12.00 a month from each of us could feed over 1600 families a year just from Grace Lutheran Church alone!

Won't you please consider a donation? And, whatever you do, don't forget Valentine's Day, Tuesday the 14th.

Happy February Holidays,

Timmy

Personal Notes

Baptized into the Body of Christ:

January 8, 2012 – Logan Christopher Fryatt, son of Christopher and Sherri Fryatt

January 15, 2012 – Joseph V. Guerra V, son of Joseph and Alyson Guerra

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Edward N. Cason, Sr. – January 9, 2012

February Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Practice (MR)
 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, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

9:00 am Connect Bible Study (108)
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 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, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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)
 7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministers Meeting (107/108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Practice (MR)
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible Overview (FH)
 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (108)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

9:00 am Connect Bible Study (108)
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (107)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (108)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
 6:00 pm Couples Leave for Retreat in Fairfield, PA
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

4:00 pm Couples return from retreat in Fairfield, PA
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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, FEBRUARY 13, 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 Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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)

February Calendar of Events (continued)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 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, FEBRUARY 16, 2012

9:00 am Connect Bible Study (108)
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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, FEBRUARY 19, 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, FEBRUARY 20, 2012

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

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)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012

9:00 am Connect Bible Study (108)
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
 6:30 pm LFOG Family Fun Night (GH, FH, T, UGS)

SNOW DATE: March 2, 2012

8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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/Children's Chorus Perform (S)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)
 7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

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)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:00 pm Shepherd Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

(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

February Worship Leaders & Assistants

FEBRUARY 4-5, 2012

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner

7:45 am – Susan Tabatsko

9:00 am – Drew McCaffery

Communion Assistants: Harold Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Rich Chaney, Stacey Tanzey, Alyson Guerra

Ushers: Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Bill Comegna

11:15 am – Viera Sabol , **READER:** Anna Tschiegg

FEBRUARY 11-12, 2012

5:00 pm – Laura Heller

7:45 am – Drew McCaffery

9:00 am – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Ron Wentz, Eileen Zepp, Junior Zepp, Linwood Van Horn, Dena Hodges

Ushers: Nathan Dowling, Don Ludwig, Matt Sherlock, Matthew Sherlock

11:15 am – Charley Lidard

FEBRUARY 18-19, 2012

5:00 pm – Kay Betz

7:45 am – Susan Tabatsko

9:00 am – Ron Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Beth Meyers, Don Meyers, Kim Meyers, Janet Bowersox, John Yarish

Ushers: Les Null, Brian Sherfey, Randy Bachtel, Barbara Serghini

11:15 am – Drew McCaffery, **READER:** Leonard Cherry

FEBRUARY 25-26, 2012

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss, Maddie Lichtfuss

7:45 am – Al Doermann

9:00 am – Drew McCaffery

Communion Assistants: Pete Tabatsko, Don Ludwig, Stacie Dowling, Ted Forman, Ann Thomas

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

11:15 am – Greg Hare, **READER:** Jake Beckhardt



February Altar Guild

SANCTUARY – Hellen Widerman

GRACE HALL – open



February Birthdays

February 2

Garrett, Melvin (Ted) Sr.
Hood, Camryn
Miller, Marie
Welsh-Graham, Lori

February 3

Helm, James
Heuchert, Ella Renee
Mellon, Benjamin
Rill, Linda
Yarish, Donna

February 4

Frieze, Michele

February 5

Lang, Carolyn
Myers, Jean

February 6

Cox, Wyatt
Wiskeman, Carol

February 7

Bowersox, Paul Jr.
Eyler, Donna
Kilmer, Amanda

February 8

Border, Rachel
Causey, Elinor
Cooke, Wendy

February 9

Lewis, Robert
Stem, Dawn
Zepp, Sylvia (Eileen)

February 10

Dorsey, Tanya
Hoppe, Matthew
Palazzo, Nicholas
Waltz, Donna

February 12

Collier, Tom
Kuawogai, Zaka

February 13

Erikson, Laura
Luzuriaga, Michael
Selby, Timothy
Steinbrenner, Gregory

February 14

Crabbs, Bonnie
Lewis, Julia

February 15

Jones, Wilma
Kemph, Daniel
Paulsen, Ellen

February 16

Lewis, Kimberly
Medlin, Kylie Lynn

February 17

Harper, Linda
Sick, Caitlin
Tschiegg, Anna

February 19

Garrett, Charles Jr.
Goetz, Mary Anne

February 20

Booth, Catherine
Hoffman, R. Neal
Myers, James

February 21

Bachtel, Bethany
Lau, Zachary

February 23

Barnes, Adam
Barnes, Sarah
Clements, Katherine
Pigeon, O'Ryan

February 24

Carbaugh, Connie
Dorsey, Ronald
Luesse, Veronica
Dowling, Amelia
Moore, Brooklyn
Ramsey, Sharon

February 27

Fino, Joseph Tyler
Forman, Cassie
Mobley, Alyson Scull

February 28

Miller, Miriam
Walsh, Sheila
Wildesen Henley, Jennifer





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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Grace Lutheran Women's Retreat March 23-25, 2012

All Women of Grace, 18 years and older, are invited to join in a retreat which will be held at the Manor at Middle Creek, a historic Civil War era house near Fairfield, PA. The theme of the retreat is "What's in Your Cup?" Psalm 23 reminds us "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." Women know how full our lives can become; let this retreat be a time of renewal and refreshment as you spend the weekend with sisters in Christ.

The cost is \$115 per person which includes housing in a room with one other person and a private bathroom, dinner on Friday evening, three meals on Saturday and brunch on Sunday before returning home. On Saturday we will enjoy a guest speaker, Pastor Vicki Brown, who is Co-pastor of First Lutheran Church in Mifflinburg, PA. We also will have Saturday afternoon tea, so bring your favorite hat or scarf for tea!!

Registration is limited, so please register as early as possible. We will take reservations on Sunday mornings in February. A deposit of \$50 is required when you register. If you need financial assistance, please speak with Pastor Martha.



Volunteer Information Forms

Grace Lutheran Volunteer forms were distributed at the December Congregational Meeting and at all worship services on January 14 & 15. You can also find the Volunteer Form on Grace's website.

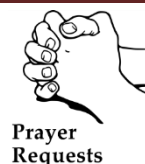
A wide variety of ministries take place in and through Grace. If you are not currently serving on a committee or a specific ministry, please prayerfully consider getting involved in the life of our congregation. Only with the help of our members can we be the congregation that God calls us to be! When you get involved in ministry you grow in faith, make new friends, and have the satisfaction of making a difference for others. We need people of all ages and people with all kinds of interests and talents.

Your help will be greatly appreciated!!



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, Chuck, Soni & The Smith Family, Kim Allred, Darrin Arbaugh, Adam Barnes, Cathy Barnes, Marion Bauman, Patricia Baumgardner, Glenn Becker, Bertha Black, Earl Blum, Brian Bowersox, Sandie Bowman, Troy Bowman, Shirley Boyle, Patricia Buscemi, Barbara Caples, Julia Anne and Rich Crawley, Rocky Davis, Charles Haas, Richard Haines, Christine Hale, Joyce Hertsch, Gertrude Hirt, Jennifer Hudson, Dennis Hughes, Sanford Kirkland, Mary Krempin, Sharon Little, Javier Marquez, Linda Meil, Wilda Miller, Naomi Myers, Ed Pinder, Carol Riggelman, Jason Rollings, Thelma Schlerf, Virginia Sparrow, 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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