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Deadline for April

**Grace Notes is Tuesday,
March 13. 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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Listen Love

On the last Sunday of Epiphany we heard the story from the gospel of Mark of Jesus' transfiguration. It was my turn to preach and a great part of my sermon was on the words of God spoken to the disciples. "This is my Son, the beloved, listen to him." This commandment is given to the disciples and to all of us who follow Jesus and struggle with the simple task of paying attention to what Jesus has to say for our lives. The rhetorical question asked near the end of the sermon continues to haunt me. "What must Jesus do before his disciples would finally listen? What must Jesus do before we will listen? Die?" Of course we know that answer to such a question; Jesus would indeed die. Yet the question remains. Are we listening?

When Jesus suffered and died upon the cross because of us and for us he prayed an anguished prayer, "Father forgive them." What more powerful words can we hear than those of forgiveness offered by the Son of God? Yet what do we choose to do with such words? Do such words direct our lives and the way we live and treat others? It has long been my thought that far too often we give little thought as to how our actions, words and the choices of our lives affect others. Yet each and every one of us can have a profound effect on the lives of others and this extends beyond our family and friends to include the communities in which we live and even our community of faith. I am always amazed when people think that their absence or presence in worship doesn't matter to others. Because indeed your presence in church does make a difference and when you are absent, the community of faith feels that absence.

In one of the first churches I ever served there was an elderly man who sat in the back corner of the church every Sunday. He would come in quietly just after the service began and would duck out just as quietly at the conclusion of the benediction. No one really knew who he was but no one could remember a time when he hadn't occupied that back corner. Then one day I got a call from a woman who asked if I could go to the hospital and visit with her dying husband. When I walked into the hospital room there on the edge of the bed was the mystery man of the back pew. We had a wonderful conversation and I discovered that he had been worshipping at that church for nearly 60 years but had never joined preferring to remain anonymous. In the weeks to come we became friends and I learned that he was a profoundly shy and humble man who had foolishly convinced himself that he had no worth.

He died never having the opportunity to return to his favorite pew. Yet after he was gone everybody knew it; his absence was felt and all acknowledged that this purposeful stranger had done more than occupy a pew; he had come to occupy a place in the heart of the congregation and when he died he was missed. There

was a double tragedy to be found in his passing; first, this man never understood that his loving gentle spirit was a profound gift from God that would have meant so much to the congregation of which he was a part. Secondly, the congregation had failed to reach out and embrace this child of God.

Jesus said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands." (Matthew 22) God said 'listen' and Jesus said 'love.' So often we fail to do either; the world and the church are poorer for it. We often spend so much time looking for the place where they might feel as if they belong and have a purpose. The problem is that we have simply failed to love where we are at; we have failed to make real Jesus' commandment to love God and love our neighbor in the very place where we are at. Our failure is the result of not appreciating that our lives indeed make a difference in the very place where we live and work and serve.

Our world today has infected us with a restless spirit that makes it very hard for us to listen or to love. The constant strain for something else often blinds us and makes us deaf to God's calling to serve where we are presently at; our home, our family, our work and our church. Look around you – here are the ones to whom the Lord Jesus has called you to live out your ministry of making his love real. Do not underestimate your place and purpose in this life; for you are indeed a child of God and have been given the great honor to serve the living Lord.

God bless you as you hear His calling for your life and live out the love of God in the place where you have been called to serve. Remember Jesus died for us all and asks that we might make His life giving love real in the world by our service to Him our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Pastor Kevin

Do Not Live As People Without Hope

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

It has been said that there are three great virtues or marks of the Christian life. They are *faith*, *love* and *hope*. This month, I'd like to share with you a few reflections on what it means to be "people abounding in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Although "hope" is a word embedded with theological meaning, it has become a word used commonly in our language. Yet, its use is often quite shallow. "I hope you feel better," we tell people with everything from the common cold to a serious illness. "I hope I did well on that test," is the mantra of every student planning to graduate. "I hope you have a nice day," we call out to friends and strangers. After using these common phrases, we go about our own business, rarely giving our words a second thought.

In society, hope is normally seen as the anticipation of the fulfillment of our desires. We are most acutely aware of our need for hope when things aren't going well. We

grasp for hope when there is uncertainty in our health or a change in our family relationships or when we face the loss of a job or the bleakness of our economic situation. That's when we see the need for hope; and our hope is that the situation will turn out as we think it should.

On the other hand, when God speaks of "hope" it is filled with a far deeper meaning. God's hope is given to us (yes, a gift) so that we might find our way forward when the fog is so thick that we can't make out the path. AND God's hope also is given to us when everything seems under control and we don't even think we need any help!! In fact, the ordinary circumstances of everyday life are the best times to learn to live as people abounding in hope. **This hope helps to shape us into people who trust in our Lord more strongly than we trust in ourselves.**

There are many things in life that are nice to have, but we can live without them. Hope is not one of those things! Hope is absolutely essential for our well-being as people and our faithfulness as Jesus' disciples. I personally think it is part of being created in God's image. Like God, the fountain of all hopefulness, we too have hope in our DNA.

So, what is this hope? I believe that the best way to describe **Christ-centered hope** is **“the trust in the One who journeys with us.”** Our hope is not grounded in a particular outcome, but our hope is lodged in Jesus Christ. What will tomorrow bring? I don’t know, but I know Jesus will be there with you! What will the report from the doctor say? I don’t know, but I know that Jesus is holding you securely in His eternal care. Where will you be five years from now? I don’t know, but wherever it is, God’s love in Jesus will be there surrounding you!

The weeks of Lent invite us to contemplate the extreme measures that God has taken to stay in relationship with

humanity. **That’s what hope is in the end....it’s a relationship.** When you live and trust in God’s eternal care you will see the endless imagination that God has for making all things new again!!!

The hope that God plants deep within us transforms our lives so that we can live as people of hope in all of the changes and challenges of life. My friends in Christ, may we be people who “abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Pastor Martha



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development



The Easter cantata *Lord of Glory: A Celebration of the Risen Christ*, by Stan Pethel, will be performed by the Chancel, Festival, and Luther Choirs with soloists and Akaloo Kids at the 10am All Grace Worship Service on April 15. Festival Choir will rehearse on Thursdays, 8pm to 9pm, March 8 to April 12 in the Music Room. Please join us this year for this celebratory event!

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.
- Palm Sunday, April 1 at 11:15am – Luther Choir will be performing at worship.
- Easter Sunday, April 8 at 11:15am – Agape Bells and Brass will be performing at worship.
- Sunday, April 15 at 10am – The choirs and soloists will perform an Easter cantata at the All Grace service in Grace Hall.

Women of the ELCA

by Helen Englar



The WELCA of Grace met on January 16 to pack Aids/Hospice Kits for Global Health Ministries. It was our pleasure to welcome the assistance of the Confirmation classes. With the young people and their advisors doing much of the work, under our direction, 50 kits were assembled and packed into shipping boxes. Many hands do make light work. Thanks so much to all of these willing helpers.

Our March meeting will be held on **March 19, 2012, at 1:30pm**. We will be tying at least one quilt and also having a business and planning meeting.

Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on March 26 from 2:00 – 8:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. Please schedule an appointment with Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net.

Church Women United News

submitted by Helen Englar

The theme for the World Day of Prayer Service is "Let Justice Prevail." The service was written by women from Malaysia. The World Day of Prayer Service will be held in Krug Chapel at Carroll Lutheran Village on Friday, March 2 at 2:00 pm.

Church Women United in Carroll County is sponsoring a bus trip to see "Jonah" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster on Thursday, April 12. The group will eat lunch at the Good and Plenty Restaurant at 11:15 am. The show will begin at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$85 per person which includes the cost of the show, the luncheon and the bus. The buses will leave the parking lot across from Grace Lutheran Church at 9:00 am and go to the parking lot at Lazarus United Church of Christ. Departure from that parking lot will be at 9:20 am. To make a reservation, call Mary Jane Graf at 410-374-4478. Checks should be made payable to "CWU in Carroll County" and mailed to Mary Jane Graf, 5115 S. Church Street, Lineboro, Maryland, 21102. All money is due by March 1.

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



2012/2013 Registration

Registration for the 2012/2013 school year is progressing well; we currently have 71 students which is comparable with last year. One change for next year is that we are extending our hours from 9:00-12:00. We are also offering a Pre-K four-year old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00-2:00. We have classes for children ages two through four for the upcoming school year. If you are interested please call Anita at 410-848-7020 to set up an appointment to visit.

MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant

Once again this year Little Friends of Grace has been approved for the MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant. We have not been informed of our actual dollar amount. Last year we purchased our four-year old curriculum and this year we plan to utilize the funds for a three-year old curriculum. This is a wonderful benefit for our program; our teachers are looking forward to choosing resources to use in the classroom.

Family Night

Our sixth annual Family Fun Night was held on Friday, February 24. A puppet show, games, crafts, music and food were all planned along with a visit from Doodles the Clown. We also had a silent auction to raise money for the scholarship fund. We would like to thank the volunteers who spent many hours organizing this event.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 4 and 5. The preschool will be closed for students those days.

Young at Heart Seniors St. Patrick's Celebration

by Catherine Booth



The Young at Heart Seniors are planning a St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Thursday, March 15, 2012 in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. The menu will be Corned Beef, Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Rolls and Butter, Dessert and Beverages. The price is \$8.00 per person. Reservations and payment are due by Monday, March 5, 2012 to Catherine Booth. Come and join us and bring your friends too. They are also invited. We hope to have entertainment too so brush up on your St. Patrick's facts or fiction! Contact Catherine Booth at 410-875-2703 if you have any questions or to make reservations.

Carroll Lutheran School – Pack the Pavilion – Sunday, March 11, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Free event open to the public. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Event features children's activities, Monte Leister, Bill & Karen Itzel and the New Hope Praise Team. Grace's own, Rich Schuster, will be the master of ceremonies!!

Bring as many non-perishable food items as you can to help fill the pavilion with resources that will be given to local service agencies, including Shepherd's Staff and Carroll County Food Sunday.

Compassion International Child Letter

December 3, 2011

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church Sunday School classes:

May this letter bring you love and God's grace. I believe that all of you and your families are doing fine. My family and I are also doing fine. I would like to thank all of you for the Christmas gift you kindly sent to me. It was used to buy a blanket and detergent. My family and I are deeply appreciated what you have done for us. The weather in my country is quite cold. Is it cold in your country? I am doing quite well in my school. I need your prayers. Our national Father's Day will be celebrated on December 5. My friends and I have been active in our Sunday School class which is held on Saturday. Do you have special issues that you would like us to pray for? We would like you to remember us in your prayers. May God richly bless all of you and I wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS. May God grant all of you happiness.

Your sponsored child, Onuma Janpakdee

Senior High Youth ... A Mission Trip to our Nation's Capital ... Washington, DC

I would like to invite the senior high youth to join me (Pastor Kevin) in a trip to remember while serving community service agencies that care for the poor and struggling within our nation's capital. Here is a chance to see how the church and community service agencies are making a difference and for a few days you can help. During our week, July 1- 6 we will learn about the needs of this amazing community, explore what it means to be a child of God within the context of urban poverty and meet Christians from other congregations. Interested? Call Pastor Kevin at the church office 410-848-7020.

Grace Lutheran Time and Talent Show

Mark your calendar for the Grace Lutheran Time and Talent Show to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012, in Grace Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (light refreshments will be served at 6:00 pm). This event is for the entire congregation to share your God-given talent and to also learn about some of the ministries Grace Lutheran supports. The type of acts include singing, dancing, comedy, juggling, etc. (all 5 minutes or less in duration). Admission is free. This is a non-competitive show and will not be judged. Ted Dix has offered to provide accompaniment for those who request it.

Advanced registration is required for talent show acts – for additional information or to sign up, contact Deborah Brennan at email dbrennansimplyballet@yahoo.com or Laura Heller at email lheller1@msn.com, phone 443-291-6044.

New Membership Database

THE TIME IS AT HAND! ... April Grace Notes will be the **FIRST mailing** from our brand new **MEMBERSHIP DATABASE!** If you do not receive your APRIL Grace Notes by April 13th please call Sheilah in the church office. We thank you for your patience during this transitional period and ask that you continue to bear with us as we work through any glitches.



Grace Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

STEPHEN MINISTRY DOES BRUNCH AT McDANIEL COLLEGE

As part of our team building in Stephen Ministry, Stephen Ministers and spouses will meet for brunch at McDaniel College on March 4 at 12:15 pm. McDaniel provides music, delicious food and a complimentary mimosa or bloody Mary for \$10 per person. This will allow our spouses to interact with a group that must maintain confidentiality.

Stephen Ministry encourages other groups to take advantage of the hospitality at McDaniel College which is really having an "Open House" for the community.

No reservations are required; there is a fee of \$10. Brunches will be held in the cafeteria on March 4, April 1 and May 6 from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm.

We are Stephen Ministers not Stephen Martyrs!

CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

Diabetes Alert

by Laura Lienhard

Are you at risk for developing type 2 diabetes? The American Diabetes Association holds Diabetes Alert Day in March to call attention to diabetes and to encourage everyone to find out if they are at risk. It is a one day wake up call, asking the American public to take the Diabetes Risk test.

Because type 2 diabetes develops slowly, some people have no symptoms. Early diagnosis is critical to successful treatment and to delaying or preventing long term complications such as kidney disease, eye disease, nervous system disease, heart attack, and stroke. Studies have shown that better control of blood sugar, cholesterol, and blood pressure in persons with diabetes helps reduce the risk of developing those complications.

What should you do? If you are overweight or have a family history of diabetes, ask your doctor about getting tested for diabetes (this involves a simple blood test). The National Institutes of Health recommends that anyone age 45 or older should consider getting tested.

If you or someone you know has diabetes, or if you want to assess your risk of developing diabetes, please come to the table in the lower gathering space on **Sunday, March 11 from 8:45-11:30 am**. I will have information about managing diabetes, as well as the Diabetes Risk test. (If you are unable to stop by the table, you can take the test online at www.diabetes.org under the Diabetes Basics tab). I look forward to answering your questions about diabetes!

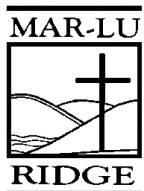


Heifer International

As of February 19, 2012, the balance of the Heifer International Fund is \$1,068.55.



"Spiritlife!" Summer Day Camp



Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp
Hosted by
Grace, Jerusalem, St. Ben's, and
Trinity Deer Park Lutheran Churches

What: A week of Day Camp for children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Program Highlights: The day camp is led by young adults who are employed as counselors at Mar-Lu-Ridge. Campers will enjoy a week of new and improved crafts, singing, games, sports, time at the park, Bible study, and a possible field trip to Bear Branch Nature Center.

When: June 25-29, 2012 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Where: Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll Street, Westminster

Cost per camper: \$50 per camper – due with registration form; Campers need to bring a bag lunch each day.

Registration Forms: Available on the church website at www.gracelc.org and in the information racks in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces

Registration Deadline: Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012; space is limited, so the sooner you register the better!

Volunteers: Adult Volunteers are needed to support is ministry. Teens are also needed. In order to volunteer, teens must have completed 9th grade or beyond. Volunteer forms are available along with camper registration forms. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Martha.

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This summer Grace will again join with Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and several other local Lutheran congregations in order to provide a week-long day camp for children. There are a few changes this year that we believe will strengthen the camping experience for every child. This year, only four congregations are involved in the camp. We've narrowed the age group to children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5. There are plans for improved crafts as well as daily schedule with more structured activities.

Because the camp is sponsored by fewer congregations, we needed to raise the registration fee. If your child would like to participate but cannot do so because of finances, please speak with Pastor Martha.



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin

Timmy's Corner

Welcome to March! You know, March is kind of an odd month; we're either still cold and bundled up or we're enjoying the first warm days and can't wait to sit on a log, a rock, or anything just to sun ourselves. With spring coming, we all know that the weather will improve, nature will show her array of renewed colors, the earth will be ready for planting and the seas will also warm up for new life. This also may be a good time for you to plant some new seeds. Those dollars collected each month for ELCA World Hunger are seeds of many types. Some do in fact become seeds for foods and tools to cultivate the soil, some seeds are in the form of educational learning tools to help lift individuals and families out poverty, and still others are seeds of materials and learning those skills to produce for resale. These are not handouts just to continue a way of life, but seeds planted to nourish people so that they themselves will learn and be able to teach others how to have a more enriched life.

The Lenten season is here now and the tradition of giving something up for Lent. How about trying a candy bar, a special coffee or whatever goodie, and put that change or dollar into the monthly orange and green envelope marked for ELCA World Hunger. It's easy to remember the green part, just think of green grass we'll be mowing soon or St. Patrick's Day this month. Who knows, you may never go back to that treat again, but I hope you'll continue to give. Small amounts are like pounds, they add up.

Take care, *Timmy*

Welcome an Orphaned Child into Your Family This Summer

Have you ever thought about adding a child to your family? Do you wish you could spend time with a child before committing to adoption? If so, we have a child for you to host this summer! Four weeks in July gives a 7- 14 year old orphaned child from the Philippines a chance to experience American home life, and gives you a chance to get to know the child. An information meeting is scheduled on Sunday, March 18, from 2-3 pm at a private home in Towson. Address will be released upon registration. To RSVP or to get more information, please contact Ellen Warnock at 410-659-4050, or ewarnock@cc-md.org.

Disa and Mark Strevig, members of Grace, have participated in this program and highly encourage others to do so. If you have questions, Pastor Martha can put you in touch with Disa and Mark.

Carroll County Crop Walk

by Yvonne Aasen

Walkers and sponsors are needed for the Carroll County CROP Hunger Walk to be held Sunday afternoon, April 22, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 200 Main Street, New Windsor. Registration begins at 1:30pm for the 5-mile walk on Route 75 at 2:00 pm. CROP Walkers will ask sponsors for donations to raise money for relief abroad and in the U.S. through Church World Service (CWS) – 25% of the funds raised will remain here to support our local agencies: Carroll County Food Sunday, Access Carroll and Shepherd's Staff.

Information: Yvonne Aasen, 410-848-1235, yaasen2@verizon.net; or Jan Mickey, 410-775-7788, jmickey52@yahoo.com.

March Calendar of Events


THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 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, MARCH 2, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
 7:35 pm Baltimore Blast Christian Youth Night (Off site)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 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, MARCH 4, 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, MARCH 5, 2012

6:00 pm Ballet Class (FH)
 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, MARCH 6, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (FH, T, UGS)
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 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)
 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service (S)
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 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 (108)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 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, MARCH 12, 2012

6:00 pm Ballet Class (FH)
 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, MARCH 13, 2012

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, MARCH 14, 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)
 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service (S)
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (108)

(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

March Calendar of Events (continued)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

9:00 am Connect Bible Study (108)
 11:00 am Young at Heart Seniors Luncheon (FH)
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 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, MARCH 16, 2012

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

9:00 am Red Cross Adult & Pediatric CPR Class (108)
 10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 5:30 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 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)
 1:00 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (GH, FH, T)
 7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 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)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 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, MARCH 21, 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)
 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service (S)
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 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, MARCH 23, 2012

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 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)
 12:00 pm Return from Women's Retreat
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)
 7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)
 6:00 pm Ballet Class (FH)
 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, MARCH 27, 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, MARCH 28, 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)
 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service (S)
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

March Calendar of Events (continued)

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 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, MARCH 30, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
 5:00 pm Youth Lock-In (various)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012

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

Michael Card Concert – Mark, The Beginning of The Gospel Grace Hall, Saturday, May 5, 2012 Proceeds Benefit Starving Haitians in the Dominican Republic by Mel Arbaugh

Michael Card, internationally-known Christian song writer and recording artist (*Celebrate The Child, Immanuel, El Shaddai*) will present "Mark, The Beginning of The Gospel" in Scripture & song in Grace Hall on May 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The concert is a fund-raising effort to help feed Haitians through The Least of These Ministries, a Westminster-based non-profit organization. The Least of These Ministries currently feeds about 9,000 Haitians one meal per week. That meal consists of one cup of raw beans and a half cup of raw rice. The Haitians fed by The Least of These have migrated across the border from Haiti into the Dominican Republic in hopes of gaining work harvesting sugar cane. They have lived for a number of years now in very poor conditions, and with the advent of combines and other machinery, have little work. A Christian minister prays with, preaches to and sings with the Haitians as they stand in line waiting for their beans and rice.

For tickets or for more information contact The Least of These Ministries at 410-848-2128 or Mel Arbaugh at 410-848-4776.

Personal Notes

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Thelma V. Garrett Schlerf – January 19, 2012

Family of Burnell R. Rosenberg – January 26, 2012

Family of Joan Matthews Bair – February 8, 2012

March Worship Leaders & Assistants

MARCH 3-4, 2012

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner

7:45 am – Pat Goldberg

9:00 am – Laura Heller

Communion Assistants: Kim Eckenrode, Chad Plendl, Bill Comegna, Al Law, Sheila Law

Ushers: Doris Hare, Greg Hare, Perry Crowl, Nancy Taylor

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

MARCH 10-11, 2012

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman, Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Dena Hodges

9:00 am – Drew McCaffery

Communion Assistants: Ron Wentz, Sue Roach, Taylor Glass Button, Sharon Glass, Michele Krichinsky

Ushers: Linwood Van Horn, Janet Harrison, Deborah Brennan, Katie Brennan

11:15 am – Rich Schuster, **READER:** Elissa Streaker

MARCH 17-18, 2012

5:00 pm – Pat Goldberg

7:45 am – Craig Giles

9:00 am – Susan Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Sharon Ramsey, Pete Morano, Dottie Morano, Doris Hare, Greg Hare

Ushers: John Yarish, Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges

11:15 am – Charlie Beckhardt

MARCH 24-25, 2012

5:00 pm – Laura Heller, **READER:** John Baumgardner

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Paul Whitson

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

Ushers: Nathan Dowling, Brian Sherfey, Matt Sherlock, Matthew Sherlock

11:15 am – Greg Hare, **READER:** Anna Tschiegg



March Altar Guild

SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL – Evelyn Babylon, Caroline Babylon



March Birthdays

March 1

Bachtel, Susan
Dorsey, Troy
Gilbart, Sophia
Grigg, Sophie
Seabolt, Carolyn
Whitcomb, Amanda

March 2

Baltzell, Joan
Meyers, Beth
Spears, Patricia

March 3

Blomster, Tiffani
Helt, Darlene
Kurland, Kaylie

March 4

Bradfield, Nancy
Davis, Nicole
DiPietro, Margaret
Kurland, Samantha
Piisila, Makai
Schaeffer, Elizabeth
Strevig, Mark

March 5

Bancroft, Kensi
Bowman, Debra
Martin, Linda

March 6

Bowersox, Janet
Davis, Ashley
Hare, Doris
Johns, Anna
Lidard, Bobbie
Luesse, Nicholas
Ryan, Shelly
Steers, John
Stonestreet, Janice

March 7

Glass, Sharon
Huffman, Luke
Humbert, Richard
Jones, Grace
Turfle, Arleda

March 8

Oddis, Dustin

March 9

Bowers, Brayden
Capece, Daniel
Cook, Julia
Eppler, Lindsey
Horton, Landen
McCormick, Meagan
Miller, Jr., Steven
Roach, Owen

March 10

Giles, Jeffrey
Hertsch, Stephen

March 11

Jenkins, Frederick
Johnson, Barbara
Martin, Brittany

March 13

Campbell, Jaden
Sherfey, Kyle

March 14

Colbert, Jr., Corey
Crews, Tim
Oswald, Anita
Pease, Arthur
Pringle, Jeff

March 15

Baker, Kara
Cox, David
Hoppe, Michael
Ocasio, Jennifer

March 16

Arbaugh, Kim
Beazley, Andrew
Buttner, Benjamin
Good, Maurice
Luesse, Mark
Luzuriaga, Nancy
Monka, Johnathan
Nixon, Zachary
Terry, Ellen

March 17

Alvarez, Alexandra
Burk, Sean
Dix, Katherine
Leister, Edward
Pickett, Stacey
Spittel, Anna
Wilson, Haley

March 18

Holmes, Elaine
Hutting, Virginia
Martin, Catherine
Schaeffer, Samuel

March 19

Chaney, Michael
Day, Lucas
Lentzner III, William
Marley, Jordan

March 20

Lichtfuss, Madeline
Meinecke, Rose Ann
Sharkey, Anthony

March 22

Borleis, Christina
Helm, Sarah
Mancha, Thomas
McGinnis, David

March 23

Ellis El, Haley
Fletcher III, Thomas
Suder, Nancy
Weaver, Candise

March 24

Bream, Sherri-Le
Carr, Sterling
Forman, Ted
Lentzner, William (Keith)
Patton, Nancy

March 25

Myers, Gail
Roth, Claire
Tabatsko, Peter

March 26

Leutner, Lauren
Miller, Brittany
Null, Nancy
Sherfey, Brian
Warehime, Elizabeth

March 27

Longfritz, John

March 28

Bair, William (Alex)
Gosaguio, Cheryl
Karlson, Anna
Roth, Chloe
Wilson, Reed

March 29

Bowen, Lori
Gardner, Logan
Smith, Austin

March 30

Allred, Dylan
Arbaugh, Lee
Baker, Judy

March 31

Burk, Owen
Dietz, Mary
Lowell, Brianna
Walsh, Jr., Vernon



Lent / Holy Week / Easter Schedule

Wednesday, March 7

Soup Meal: 6:00 – 6:45 pm
Worship: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 14

Soup Meal: 6:00 – 6:45 pm
Worship: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 21

Soup Meal: 6:00 – 6:45 pm
Worship: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 28

Soup Meal: 6:00 – 6:45 pm
Worship: 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday, April 1

Worship: Normal Worship Schedule

Wednesday, April 4

Healing Service: 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday, April 5

Worship Service: 7:00 pm
Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 6

Crosswalk: 11:00 am at Westminster United
Methodist Church
Worship Service: 7:00 pm at Grace

Holy Saturday, April 7

Worship service: 5:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 8

Worship Services: Normal Worship Schedule

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Carroll Lutheran Village News

Church & Village: Partners in Ministry

This issue of Carroll Lutheran Village news for the churches appears under the new name of Church & Village: Partners in Ministry, reflecting over 30 years of shared social ministry, one that was envisioned and begun by ministers and lay people of the local congregations to serve older adults. The Village is proud of its Founders and Corporation churches. Without you, the Village would not exist; with you, the Village is strengthened and renewed in fulfilling its "ministry of caring in a Christian atmosphere fostering quality life and services for the whole person." Geary Milliken, President & CEO and author of this piece, invites you to continue praying for and being involved in the Village mission.

These are exciting times to be part of the Carroll Lutheran Village organization! We have just completed an external review by the CARF International Accreditation and with over 1000 compliance standards, we were highly rated and received reaccreditation. We have been blessed through some challenging economic times to have been still a provider of choice in our community, which means we are full and residents are happy!

The Village is not standing still as we are planning for our future and our future growth. Through the summer, three task forces met to look ahead to help the Village plan for its use of Technology, our expansion of our Mission through Community outreach and how our current service will need to change and grow within the Village's current spectrum of services to our residents.

Additionally, we have been working with an architectural firm to master plan for our future Nursing Care and Assisted Living services. We will be reinventing our care space to move to a Neighborhood concept and private rooms.

And finally, Carroll Lutheran Village continues to be the sponsor of the development of our second community, The Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant, which now has more than half the deposits we need to move forward.

EASTER FLOWERS TO DECORATE OUR CHURCH

Deadline to Order: **Monday, March 12, 2012**

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This year we will again be decorating the Sanctuary and Grace Hall with lilies and tulips for Easter.

Spring flowers are a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one for Easter.

_____ (qty.) Lilies x \$10/each = _____

_____ (qty.) Tulips x \$10/each = _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church, Memo line: Easter Flowers

Submit form to office through collection plate, mail, or by dropping off. Form can also be downloaded off website (www.gracelc.org) and emailed to Sheilah Keefer at skeefe@gracelc.org.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

I will leave flower(s) for a shut-in _____ I will pick up flower(s) _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Volunteer Information Forms

Grace Lutheran Volunteer forms are still available on the back table of the Sanctuary. You can also find the Volunteer Form on our website on the home page.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far; your help will be greatly appreciated!!

Office Volunteers Needed to Call on As Needed

Sheilah and Dawn will be attending a half-day training seminar from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Baltimore on our new membership database system. We need someone to answer the phones on Monday, April 16 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm (or until they return). We would also like to have several volunteers to call upon to answer phones if the need arises in the future as well. Won't you help us? We appreciate your help and look forward to hearing from you!

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: Chuck, Soni & The Smith Family, Kim Allred, Alexandra Alvarez, Cathy Barnes, Marion Bauman, Andy and Ginny Beazley, Myranda Bomhardt, Brian Bowersox, Sandy Bowman, Troy Bowman, Shirley Boyle, Mike Button, Barbara Caples, Thomas Day, Laneda Enright, Charles Haas, Richard Haines, Jennifer and Rick Hudson, Dennis Hughes, Mary Krempin, Sheila Law, Sharon Little, Javier Marquez, Linda Meil, Wilda Miller, Ed Pinder, Carol Riggelman, Virginia Sparrow, Huntley Ryker Strevig, Joan Sudvoy and Family, Sarah Whitson, Jessica Young

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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