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# GRACE NOTES

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**Deadline for May  
Grace Notes is Tuesday,  
April 10. Please email  
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## Remembering our Lord's Passion

*For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received:  
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures  
and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in  
accordance with the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*

Paul's words in 1 Corinthians are the oldest summary of Jesus' passion found in scripture. The Gospel of Mark was the first writing to add details about the events to which Paul refers. While we certainly want to remember these events all year long, it is during Holy Week that we focus most fully on the details of Jesus' great suffering on our behalf.

The word "Passion" is a word whose meaning has changed over the years and in different languages. In common English usage, "passion" refers to a powerful emotion, which could range from love to hate. If you really care about something you are said to be passionate about it. Originally, "passion" meant "suffering." And so it was appropriate that the last three days of Jesus' life came to be known as the Passion of our Lord.

The Christian Church has found it helpful to read the various gospel narratives of Jesus' passion since very early times. Did you know that sometime, no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, it was common practice to set the Passion narratives to music for use during Holy Week? Around 1525, Johann Walther, a musician who worked closely with Martin Luther, produced a Passion in German, the first to be written in a vernacular language. In the next century, Heinrich Schütz developed the practice of assigning characters to different voices. By the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, congregation parts often appeared as well as orchestras to accompany the singing.

This year on March 31 - April 1, which is Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday weekend, our worship services at Grace will include the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of Mark. No, we won't be singing the readings but it will include congregational involvement! It is so important in our day to continue to recall the specific events faced by Jesus in his final days on earth.

During Holy Week, there are three other worship opportunities of which I hope you will take full advantage. On Wednesday evening (April 4) we will offer a healing service. On Thursday we will observe Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar. And on Good Friday you are invited to participate with us in the Westminster Community Cross Walk at 11:00 am beginning at Westminster United Methodist Church and concluding at Westminster Brethren Church. Here at Grace we will have a Tenebrae Service (including readings, prayer, music and darkness) in the evening. All Holy Week evening services will take place at 7:00 p.m. (continued on page 2)

As we read the drama of Jesus' Passion we enter into those events in a dynamic way. This isn't a reading about people who lived long ago. It is the story of our salvation. Christ is present with us now and his Passion continues to shape our lives so that we can live as his disciples. Please, come and participate in these vitally important days.

Pastor Martha

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## A Labor of Love

My father used to say, "It's a lot easier to break things than it is to fix them." During spring planting and fall harvest times every minute counted and a broken piece of equipment could become very costly in the loss of time and energy that was diverted from the essential tasks of the seasons. So it was important on my father's farm to treat equipment very carefully and maintain each piece so that in the important moments of a growing season we would be out doing our work and not fixing a needless breakdown. The men who worked on my father's farm were trained in how to care and maintain farm equipment. If they were careless or inattentive they didn't stay long in my father's employment. A successful farming season was often dependent upon being able to plant or harvest within very narrow windows of time and any precaution that we could take to minimize needless delays or diversions were taken so that our energy could be focused upon what was most important.

During Jesus' earthly ministry there was a time when he was traveling among cities and villages teaching, preaching and healing people of their illness. *"Seeing the crowds he had great compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, as sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"* (Matthew 9:35-38) What Jesus saw as a great need in his day has not changed in our day; the harvest is still plentiful but the laborers are few. In one sense this doesn't seem possible that we are still short of laborers; in Jesus' day he had only his twelve. Yet the problem is that too often as the people of God we are too distracted by everything else as to not be available for that which is most important; sharing God's love in word and deed.

Too often the Church, the body of Christ, is so caught up in its brokenness that there is little or no time for the harvest of which Jesus was speaking. We have all experienced such problems in the life of the community of faith; harsh words spoken and feelings hurt in the

midst of strongly held opinions, an unwillingness to forgive and to embrace resulting in a brokenness that cripples the Church in the midst of a season of planting and harvest. Congregations, denominations and organizations crippled by brokenness and all around are the crowds of the harassed and the helpless, as sheep without a shepherd.

On my father's farm each worker was to maintain a small toolbox that was to have three or four essential things: a grease gun, oil can, a screwdriver and a good set of adjustable pliers. These were necessary for keeping equipment in good working order. Christians should also carry along a sort of spiritual toolbox for helping to maintain the Church for the sake of doing God's will in the world. First we need to carry with us the love of God that is to be shared as generously with others as God has shared this love with us. Also there is a need to forgive others as we ourselves have been forgiven by God. Important too is a good understanding of God's will for us and for the world as has been revealed to us in Holy Scripture.

I believe that far too often individuals believe that their role in the life of the church is not all that significant. So often people doubt that they have any importance to the life of the church and the work of the gospel but indeed each of us has an important part to play in the life of faith. Recently I read an article about the importance of healing touch and one woman reflected that the only time during the week that she has physical touch with another person is during the passing of the peace at her church. This young woman (27) noted that the warm greetings, handshakes and occasional hugs at church carry through her busy work week.

I remember going to hear an evangelist as a young man in college. I don't remember much of what he said that night except for the final challenge at the conclusion of his presentation. "Before you leave this auditorium tonight I want you to greet ten people you don't know and when you meet them I want you to treat them as if it

were Jesus himself standing before you.” Well I must confess that this was no simple task and I’m pretty sure I failed making it to ten other people. The reason for my failure was that greeting and being greeted in the name of Christ engaged me in wonderful conversations with many new people. It took a long time for the auditorium to clear out that night but what joy there was as we greeted one another in the spirit of God’s love. Most importantly I learned that night that when the people of God come together we have the opportunity to

encourage and care for each other and thereby help empower one another for the sake of the gospel.

Caring for the Church and one another brings healing and wholeness that then sets the course for all of us doing God’s will. The harvest is plentiful so let us pray for each other that all of us may be laborers for the Lord. Amen.

Pastor Kevin

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## **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:

- 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.
- Sunday, May 13 at 11:15am – Luther Choir will be performing at worship.

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## **Women of the ELCA**

by Helen Englar



The WELCA of Grace will combine our regular meeting with the Westminster Cluster meeting on April 16, 2012.

We will carpool from Grace at 6:00 pm to travel to St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, New Windsor, where the cluster meeting will be held. The planned program “Speaking Faith through Art” will be presented by Barbara Schnell. Please contact Helen Englar (410-848-3874) if you plan to attend and need a ride. We should arrive at St. Luke’s at 6:30 pm for dessert; the meeting will open at 7:00 pm.

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## **Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of Grace?**

Do you know someone who would like to join the fellowship of Christ here at Grace? If so, please share the information.....New member classes will be held during the Education Hour for four Sundays, beginning on Sunday, April 22. Pastor Kevin will be teaching these classes. New members will be received into membership during the worship services on Pentecost weekend, May 26 & 27.

## **Little Friends of Grace Preschool News**

by Anita Erb, Director

### **2012/2013 Registration**

Registration for the 2012/2013 school year is continuing. Our preschool hours will be from 9:00-12:00 and we will be offering a class from 9:00-2:00 MWF for four-year olds. We are offering classes for ages two through five for the upcoming school year. If you are interested please call Anita at 410-848-7020 to set up an appointment to visit.



### **Family Fun Night**

We had a wonderful evening on Friday, February 24. God's Kids Puppet Ministry entertained us with an awesome puppet show. Doodle the Clown provided balloon animals along with crafts, games and refreshments. We had a very successful silent auction, raising \$2,000.00 to benefit our scholarship program; Thrivent Financial Services will match a portion of our monies.

### **MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant**

In mid-March we were informed that we would be receiving \$4,611.13 in grant monies through this program. We would like to purchase a three-year old curriculum for next year. This is our sixth year participating in this program and we have been able to receive many wonderful supplies.

### **Field trips**

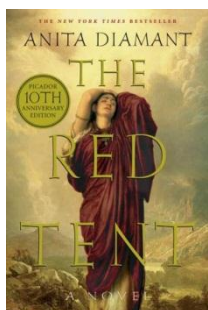
Our three-year olds will be visiting the Westminster City Police and the Westminster State Police Barracks for a field trip. The Pre-K four-year olds will be going to Spring Meadow Farm April 25-27. Bear Branch Nature Center will do an in-house program on reptiles and amphibians on April 19 for our Pre-K 4's.

### **Conferences and Easter Holiday**

We will be having spring conferences on April 4 & 5. The preschool will be closed April 6 and 9 for the Easter holiday. **We wish everyone a Happy Easter!**

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## **Thursday Evening Book Club**



After a break for Lent, the Thursday Evening Book Club will begin meeting again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Church Library. Beginning on April 12, we will discuss The Red Tent, a book written by Anita Diamant. A fiction novel, The Red Tent, is based on biblical characters, especially Dinah, a daughter of Jacob and sister of 12 brothers. The story is told from Dinah's point of view and imagines the traditions and challenges of ancient women. Jacob's four wives love Dinah and give her the gifts that sustain her throughout the twists and turns of her life. Although first published in 2007, The Red Tent remains a popular book.

If you do not already have a copy of the book, books are available from Pastor Martha for the cost of \$12 each.

## **Lutheran Church Men Dinner**

by Ed Leister

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Spring Dinner Meeting, Monday, April 23, at 6:30 pm, at St. Luke 's Lutheran Church near New Windsor. The ladies will be serving a family-style fried chicken dinner with all the fixing's at 6:30 pm. A free will offering with \$11.00 expected will be taken at the dinner.

Devotions with the singing of favorite hymns will follow in the church. The program will feature Chaplain Jimmie Schwartz, Chaplain at Carroll Lutheran Village. The title of his presentation is "MEN RISING FROM THE GRAVE OF ANGER."

Reservations to Ed Leister at 410-848-8640, email [eleister@qis.net](mailto:eleister@qis.net), or fill out an RCR card during weekend worship services on or before Sunday, April 9.

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## **Christian Education**

by Stacie Dowling

We would like to welcome our newest teachers: Mandy Kent, Nicole Mens, Dustin Saunders and Kendal Rippel. We are so blessed to have them guiding God's children. We would also like to thank all those who have graciously volunteered to help in Nursery. We are blessed to have your assistance.

To all teachers, assistants and helpers ... on Sunday, April 15 at 9:00 am before our Easter Cantata we will be having our Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

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## **Carroll County Crop Walk**

by Yvonne Aasen



We're looking for walkers and sponsors 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 out-and-back 5-mile walk on Route 75 at 2:00pm.

CROP Walkers will ask sponsors for donations, in person or online, to raise money for relief abroad and in the U.S. through Church World Service (CWS). Twenty-five percent (25%) of funds raised will be returned to support our local agencies: Carroll County Food Sunday, Access Carroll and Shepherd's Staff. Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP.

Walkers sign on for your CROP WALK envelope in the Upper Gathering Space on Sunday morning or call Yvonne Aasen, 410-848-1235, [yaasen2@verizon.net](mailto:yaasen2@verizon.net); or Jan Mickey, 410-775-7788, [jmickey52@yahoo.com](mailto:jmickey52@yahoo.com).

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## **"The Challenge of Being Church Today"**

On Sunday evening, April 15, a special event will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, Towson, Maryland featuring guest presenter, The Rev. Dr. David Lose. Professor Lose holds the E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is the author of a number of current books, including Making Sense of Scripture which is part of the Bible Book of Faith series. Pastor Lose will preach at a worship service at 5:00 and then present his key note speech at 6:15. The event concludes at 7:30. The event is open to the public. If you'd like to attend and would be interested in carpooling with others, please sign the RCR card at a worship service or email Pastor Martha at [mclementson@gracelc.org](mailto:mclementson@gracelc.org).

### **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](mailto:dbrennansimplyballet@yahoo.com) or Laura Heller at email [lheller1@msn.com](mailto:lheller1@msn.com), phone 443-291-6044.

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### **Looking Ahead to Summer ...**

Here are a few of the events that will be happening here at Grace this summer. Please mark them in your calendar now!!

- Bus trip to the Frederick Keys Baseball Game and Fireworks on Friday, June 22.
- Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp for children who have completed K – Grade 5 will be held June 25-29 from 9:00am – 3:30pm here at Grace. Registration is due by Easter. Teen and adult volunteers are needed. If you can help, please speak with Pastor Martha.
- Vacation Bible Camp will take place from 5:00 - 8:30 pm on July 16-20. “Spark Summer – Splash in the Word of God” will be our theme. There will be fun activities for children in preschool through fifth grade. Older kids are invited to help. Registration will take place between April 21 and May 20, so watch the weekly announcements for registration information. VBC is going to be a lot of fun for people of all ages this summer!!!!
- The Summer Classic Book Study will meet again this summer for the third year. Amy Bittner will lead the study of *The Cost of Discipleship*. Please see *Grace Notes* for more details. The study will take place on six consecutive Thursday evenings (7:00 -8:15 pm) beginning on June 28. Watch the weekly announcements and RCR cards because we will be taking book orders this spring.

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### **Please Consider Joining Friends of the Village**

Since 1981, The Friends of the Village has raised over \$730,000 through donations, membership dues, gift shop, quilts, and other activities. This provides important support for programs, facilities improvements and charitable support of the residents of the Village. There are various levels of membership ranging from \$5 - \$1,000+. Carol Plunkert, a member of Grace who is involved in the Friends of the Village is happy to answer questions and receive memberships. Please prayerfully consider this way to support a local Lutheran ministry and talk with Carol.

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### **Thank You!**

Grace Lutheran extends a warm thank you to the Deer Park Lions Club for their gift of an electric wheel chair. Mr. Richard Liebno, a member of Grace and the Deer Park Lions Club, helped to arrange this generous gift. If you or someone you know could benefit by using the chair while here attending activities at Grace, please let one of the staff people know and they will help you get it.





## Grace Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

### WHAT KIND OF MAN WOULD ACCEPT THE CARE OF A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Do you know a man like ADAM who was cut off from all that gave meaning to life and needed someone to remind him of God's promise?

Stephen Ministry has a number of fully trained, male Stephen Ministers ready and willing to be a Christian companion as an individual works with God as Curegiver.  
Call Pastor Kevin @ 410-848-7020.

***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE***

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### Adult Education Committee – “Brainstorming and Planning Meeting”

The Adult Education Committee will host its annual “Brainstorming and Planning Meeting” on Tuesday, May 10. All interested people are invited to join in this meeting at 7:00 in the Parlor next to Pastor Martha's office. We value the ideas you bring and the thoughts you have about ideas being considered by the committee. Please join us for this evening of sharing!!

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### The Lay School of Theology

The Lay School of Theology sponsored annually by The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg will be held July 22-28. The theme is “Telling the Story: Adventures in Biblical Storytelling” led by Professor Richard Carlson and the Rev. Paul Lutz. There are several options open to participants, including attending the entire week, or three days, or one day. If you are interested, the details can be found at [www.Ltsg.edu/Lifelong-Learners](http://www.Ltsg.edu/Lifelong-Learners). The Adult Education Committee offers scholarships to those who would like to attend but need financial support. Please contact Pastor Martha for scholarship information. There is a 10% discount for those who register and pay by June 8.

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### New Information about our new MEMBERSHIP DATABASE!



We are happy to announce that our new MEMBERSHIP DATABASE is up and running! As excited as we are, we are continuing to ask our church members and friends to make us aware of any and all corrections we need to make. We need your help to make sure that Grace Notes reaches all our members and friends, so please talk with your church family and if you hear of someone not receiving their copy by April 15, 2012 or if you see an error of any nature (address, name, birthday, etc.) please contact Sheilah in the church office. Also, if you are receiving Grace Notes in error please contact us regarding that as well. You can email Sheilah at [skeef@gracelc.org](mailto:skeef@gracelc.org) or by calling the church office 410-848-7020. We hope to be able to offer Grace Notes by email starting in May 2012!

Thank you for your patience ....

# "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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

Hello to the month of April and each of you, time to get back out and about. It's great to be out from under the leaves and mud and back into the warming sunshine. I hope you all fared well during the winter and are ready to get started with all your plans for the spring. I made it through without becoming someone's soup for another winter meal.

I don't know how many of you looked at your placemat during the Lenten Suppers. Some of you may have read that one in seven people go hungry every day. That's 925 million individuals around the world each and every day according to the ELCA. Maybe those people are in a foreign country or, maybe that's somebody in your community or the community next door. Just like me, you never know. I guess that's why we critters think differently about these things than you humans do. Terrapins, bears, and other life that hibernate for the winter have to build up their reserves for the long period of not eating. It's tough to wake up hungry in mid-winter only to realize your period of sleep fell short. Imagine waking up every day like that, not too easy is it? I'm only a terrapin and I know that could hurt. While many people in need can turn to food pantries and other social services for help, some of those 925 million people don't have kitchens, pantries or other places to turn. They need our help to prevent starvation.

Thanks to many of you and others around the country, the ELCA collected \$17.7 million dollars to feed some of those 925 million hungry people in 2011. Did you get stuck in the mud, or did you get involved? It is so easy and you don't have to go to the kitchen or out anywhere. You can help them and us with a small donation in that special World Hunger envelope each month. Please help if you can!

Take care and be safe out there,  
*Timmy*

### **Courageous – The Movie**

by Tiffany Cox



*Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. When tragedy strikes home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Protecting the streets is second nature. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous.* We will be showing the movie Courageous here at Grace Lutheran on **Saturday, May 19 from 6-9pm** with dinner, movie, and childcare. More details to be forthcoming.

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### **Disaster Response Mission Trip**

by Laura Heller

The Grace Lutheran Mission Team will be traveling to Schoharie, New York from 7/29/12 to 8/2/12 to assist with rebuilding in areas impacted by Hurricane Irene. We will be working with Schoharie Recovery, please see their web site <http://www.schoharierecovery.org/> for more information. Contact Laura Heller at [lheller1@msn.com](mailto:lheller1@msn.com) or 443-291-6044 if you would like to volunteer.

## April Calendar of Events

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 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, APRIL 2, 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, APRIL 3, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 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 Healing Service (S)  
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)  
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 8:00 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service (S)  
 7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)  
 11:00 am Good Friday CROSSWALK (West. United Meth.)  
 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service (S)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2012

3:00 pm Festival Choir Dress Rehearsal (GH)  
 5:00 pm Holy Saturday Worship (S)  
 6:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2012

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



### MONDAY, APRIL 9, 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, APRIL 10, 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)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 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 Stewardship Committee Meeting (108)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)  
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 8:00 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012

3:00 pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal (GH)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
 6:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

(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

## April Calendar of Events (continued)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
 9:00 am Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (FH, T)  
 10:00 am All Grace Worship Service – Easter Cantata (GH)  
 7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

### MONDAY, APRIL 16, 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)  
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm WELCA/Westminster Cluster Meeting (St. Luke's)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 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, APRIL 18, 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, APRIL 19, 2012

9:00 am Westminster Lutheran Conference (FH)  
 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, APRIL 20, 2012

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012

9:00 am Red Cross Babysitting Class Training (108)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
 6:00 pm Time & Talent Show (GH, FH)  
 6:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 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  
 10:15 am New Member Class (L)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 2:00 pm CROP Walk (St. Paul's UMC, New Windsor)  
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)  
 7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

### MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012

6:00 pm Ballet Class (FH)  
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105,. 106, 111, 112)  
 6:30 pm Lutheran Church Men Dinner (St. Luke's)  
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 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 Potluck Dinner and Song (FH)  
 7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Overview (L)  
 7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012

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 Thursday Evening Book Club (L)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 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  
 10:15 am New Member Class (L)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

### MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012

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)

**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.

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**Care of God's Creation**

by Laura Heller

"Humans, in service to God, have special roles on behalf of the whole of creation. Made in the image of God, we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth. God's command to have dominion and subdue the earth is not a license to dominate and exploit. Human dominion (Gen 1:28; Ps 8), a special responsibility, should reflect God's way of ruling as a shepherd king who takes the form of a servant (Phil 2:7), wearing a crown of thorns."

This statement comes from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's web page dedicated to Justice, specifically the Environment and Energy at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Advocacy/Issues/Environment-and-Energy.aspx>.

Each month, this section of Grace Notes will feature information about care of God's creation and what we can do to help.

If you would like to contribute content or become more involved with this ministry contact Laura Heller at [lheller1@msn.com](mailto:lheller1@msn.com) or 443-291-6044.

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**Personal Notes**

**In Memoriam:**

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

Family of Shirley A. Reiter – March 3, 2012

Family of Lavinia V. Eckenrode – March 8, 2012

## April Worship Leaders & Assistants

### MARCH 31-APRIL 1, 2012 – PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

**5:00 pm** – Laura Heller

**7:45 am** – Dena Hodges

**9:00 am** – Michele Krichinsky

**Communion Assistants:** Stacie Dowling, Kim Eckenrode, Chad Plendl, Bill Comegna, Sue Roach

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

**11:15 am** – Drew McCaffery



### APRIL 7-8, 2012 – EASTER WEEKEND

**5:00 pm** – Kay Betz

**7:45 am** – Craig Giles

**9:00 am** – Drew McCaffery

**Communion Assistants:** Pete Morano, Dottie Morano, Janet Bowersox, Don Hodges, Ann Thomas

**Ushers:** Randy Bachtel, John Yarish, Linwood Van Horn, Bill Comegna

**11:15 am** – Charlie Beckhardt

### APRIL 14-15, 2012 – ALL GRACE - CANTATA

**5:00 pm** – Bob Lichtfuss, Maddie Lichtfuss

**10:00 am** – Charlie Beckhardt

**Communion Assistants:** Ted Forman, Greg Hare, Doris Hare, John Yarish, Janet Harrison

**Ushers:** Perry Crowl, Nancy Taylor, Randy Bachtel, Linwood Van Horn

### APRIL 21-22, 2012

**5:00 pm** – Carol Ann Bauman, Arthur Pease

**7:45 am** – Caroline Babylon

**9:00 am** – Pete Tabatsko

**Communion Assistants:** Sharon Glass, Taylor Glass Button, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews

**Ushers:** Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Katie Brennan

**11:15 am** – Kara Schuster, **Reader:** Jake Beckhardt



### APRIL 28-29, 2012

**5:00 pm** – Lisa Turner

**7:45 am** – Susan Tabatsko

**9:00 am** – Drew McCaffery

**Communion Assistants:** Sharon Ramsey, Harold Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Sandy Harrison, Richard Chaney

**Ushers:** Brian Sherfey, Barbara Serghini, Janet Harrison, Steve Crews

**11:15 am** – Florence Bastien

### April

**SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL –**

Cyndy Beckhardt  
Brenda Lightner

## April Birthdays

### April 1

Harris, Steven  
Hollingsworth, Megan  
Midttun, Alice  
Miller, Wilda  
Smith, Richard  
Tanzey, Stacey

### April 2

Dorsey, Rick  
Null, Jennifer

### April 3

Hahn, Madeline  
Keefer, Indi  
Lockard, Margaret  
Melville, Paul  
Scooco, Laurie  
Smith, Bryan

### April 4

Bridgeman, Kaitlyn  
Mays, Bella  
Sherlock, Matt

### April 5

Wolbert, Grace

### April 7

Boyles, Dale  
Seipp, Glen

### April 8

Connelly, Kirsten  
Martin, Peggy

### April 9

Kozlowski, Alexander  
Stanton, Katy

### April 10

Hoff, Kathleen  
Merryman, Owen  
O'Brien, Kristen  
Ryan, Sydney

### April 11

Martin, Stephanie  
Spencer, Wayne

### April 12

Booth, Floyd  
Kurtz, Morgan

### April 13

Bittner, Sean  
Bitzel, Melinda  
Clementson, Martha  
Leppo, Bruce  
Rzepkowski, Aiden

### April 14

Button, Michael  
Ellis, Ayva  
Lady, Matthew  
Vadder, Christy

### April 15

Combs, Karen  
Green, Vicki  
Harris, Jerry  
Swartz, Owen

### April 16

Beck, Edward  
Bowersox, Patrick  
Engnoth, Milton  
Gordon, Carolyn  
Meehan, Katherine  
Pigeon, Jeniffer  
Vengroski, John

### April 17

Burnett, Sean  
Sabol, Viera  
Whitson, Dottie

### April 18

Turgeon, Tina  
Vogt III, Frank

### April 19

Day, Peggy  
Lightner, Brenda

### April 20

Fowler, Lily

### April 21

Becker, Christina  
Fowler, Jackie  
Higgs, Ruth  
Hughes, Melissa  
Huver, Nancy  
Pickett, Daniel  
Willet, Nora

### April 22

Erikson, Eileen  
Harris, Jean  
Stair, Garrett  
Stiles, Rich

### April 23

Myers, Charles  
Van Horn, Linwood

### April 24

Gilbart, Amanda  
Ordway, Elizabeth  
Roth, Chelsea

### April 25

Conover, George  
Myers, Louise  
Oddis, Carrie

### April 26

Furbay, Judith

### April 27

Pasek, Jason  
Shriver, Beulah  
Tyler, Brittany

### April 28

Cockley, Julie  
Haas, Noma  
Scooco, Raymond  
Tyler, Morgan

### April 29

Glennon, Lillian  
Landy, Michael

### April 30

Bair, Glen  
Bair, Thomas  
Fogle, Diane  
Fritz, Elizabeth  
Lewis, Brittney



## Holy Week – Easter Schedule

### **Palm Sunday, April 1**

Worship: Normal Worship Schedule



### **Good Friday, April 6**

Crosswalk: 11:00 am at Westminster United Methodist Church

Worship Service: 7:00 pm at Grace

### **Wednesday, April 4**

Healing Service: 7:00 pm

### **Holy Saturday, April 7**

Worship service: 5:00 pm

### **Maundy Thursday, April 5**

Worship Service: 7:00 pm

Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

### **Easter Sunday, April 8**

Worship Services: Normal

Worship Schedule



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## Paraments

The new Lenten (purple) paraments on the altar and lectern in Grace Hall were created and sewn by Barbara Plendl. They have been given to Grace in loving memory of Walter Plendl from Barb, Chad, Taryn, Brianda and Caitlin Plendl. Thank you to the Plendl family for your generosity to help make our worship spaces attractive.

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## Mar-Lu-Ridge – Upcoming Open House Dates

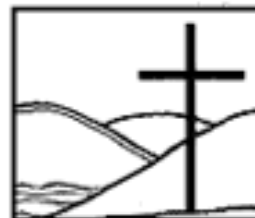
by Craig Giles

**PURPOSE:** Mar-Lu-Ridge is a year-round outdoor ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Situated in the beautiful Catoctin Mountains of central Maryland, we minister through summer camp, retreats, our conference center, and a variety of programs offered throughout the year.

**VISIT US:** We have three open house dates in 2012: April 29, May 13 and June 10 are for people interested in learning more about our summer camp. You will have a chance to meet some of the staff, tour the grounds and facilities, and ask questions from 2:00 – 4:30 pm. No appointment is necessary, just come and check us out!

**To contact us and/or view the summer schedule online:**

Mar-Lu-Ridge  
3200 Mar-Lu-Ridge Road  
Jefferson, MD 21755  
Phone: 800-238-9974 (toll free)  
Fax: 301-874-5545  
Email: [mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org](mailto:mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org)  
Web: [www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org)



**JOIN US:** June 17 – August 10 for camps and mountain top adventure as a community of Christ. For all ages, Mar-Lu-Ridge is much more than just a mountain view.





**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](mailto: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, Catherine Booth, Brian Bowersox, Sandy Bowman, Troy Bowman, Shirley Boyle, Mike Button, Barbara Caples, Tim Cooke, Rocky Davis, Thomas Day, Kristi Edwards, Laneda Enright, William Glennon, Charles Haas, Richard Haines, Jennifer and Rick Hudson, Dennis Hughes, Vaughn and Jamie Ireland, Mandy Kent, Mary Krempin, Sheila Law, Sharon Little, Javier Marquez, Linda Meil, Wilda Miller, Kelly Glennon Ort, Glenda Pierce, Ed Pinder, Carol Riggelman, Maria Sparks, 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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