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## Reflections on a Soggy Walk

I have become increasingly aware that all of life can be observed as a series of unfolding parables; events in life that can serve to teach and inform us about things that matter most in life. One such moment for me was my recent participation in the annual Carroll County Crop Walk, an event that raises funds for Church World Services, an agency that, since 1946, has been addressing the issues of world hunger. In 2010 it was estimated that 925 million people daily face the reality of hunger and possible starvation. So on a cold, windy and rainy Sunday I joined approximately a hundred other people in a walk to raise funds and awareness concerning this ongoing global crisis.

I would like to say that my motivation was noble and that I joyfully marched those five miles. But in truth I began the walk as a rather reluctant participant. If Yvonne Aasen, Helen Englar, Jan Mickey and Randy Landy had not been waiting for me, I fear I might have found an excuse to stay home. Jan was working the registration table and the other three were walking and a whole bunch of people from Grace had pledged financial support if I completed the five miles. So I abandoned the luxury of a good lunch and a warm house and walked with the intrepid members of Grace. I would like to report that each step along the way was filled with a sense of solidarity for the hungry and poor of the world, however most of the walk was filled with lament; a selfish lament of complaint for a raincoat that leaked, shoes that got soaked and five miles that somehow felt like fifty. Yet the ninety minutes or so that it took to complete the course was indeed a parable of sorts; learning about the importance of community and a reminder of what it means to serve. In very brief summary it was the encouragement and support of others that got me to walk and that service indeed does require us to put aside our personal wants to care for the needs of others.

In reflecting on the walk I was reminded that self-centeredness is one of the greatest enemies to a life of service and the mission of the Church. But this is not a black and white issue rather it is a struggle of varying degrees of gray. Service requires us to sacrifice, yet at what cost? There are the competing needs of work and family. We have obligations and we dread disappointing others who are close to us. I recall this in my struggle to consider entering the ministry; I saw myself walking away from important work as a social worker. My hometown pastor counseled me that what too often gets in the way of service to the Lord is not the choices between good and evil, but rather between better and best. In our contemporary American culture there are all sorts of wonderful things that compete with our Lord's call to service and deciding will always be difficult.

My most important learning from my soggy walk -- I had a great time! I had the opportunity to join with others in a shared mission; the common plight of being

wet and cold; yet knowing that we were making a difference. In the midst of the walk I became much better acquainted with a fellow member of Grace. I learned of the dedication of so many men and women who desire to make our world a better place. I learned that God still calls and people indeed heed that call.

This summer there are two mission trips in which our congregation is involved. Senior high youth are invited to join with me in traveling to Washington DC to spend a week helping out the poor who live in neighborhoods surrounding our nation's Capital. Adults can join us on a mission trip to Schoharie, NY. Yes, there are all sorts of good reasons to consider as to why you can't make such a commitment but I am inviting you to consider if perhaps God is calling, to make a different choice. Who knows what you might learn about yourself?

Pastor Kevin

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### **Pentecost Continues!**

The four Sundays in May will include important celebrations and recognitions related to our life as a community of faith.

- On May 6, we will hold one of our two annual meetings as a congregation. We are reminded of the importance of the commitments that we make and the ministries in which we engage as a group of people called together by the Holy Spirit.
- On May 13, we celebrate Mother's Day, an opportunity to give thanks not only for our own mothers, but for all of those women who have been examples and have nurtured us in faith.
- On May 20, in a 10:00 All Grace Worship Service, we will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) of nine of our young people. They now take their places in the adult membership of our congregation.
- On May 27 we will celebrate the Festival of Pentecost at all four of our worship services. We will recall the coming of the Holy Spirit which calls and creates the Body of Christ in the world. New members will be received during these worship services as well. I have special plans for the children's sermon that day also! (I promise....this one will be much quieter than the children's sermons on Easter!)

As the Lenten season draws our attention to the Passion of Jesus, and Easter reminds us of his resurrection, these Sundays in May help us focus not only on the birth of the Church but also on its expansion and growth. From a small movement in a confined geographical area, Christianity has become a worldwide influence.

Unfortunately, during this time in which we are living, we have to acknowledge that the decline of the Church is

also on our minds! Those of us who have lived for several decades or more sadly can testify to the shrinking size and influence of the Church. We now live in a world with countless options for our time and resources. The religious landscape has become much more diverse. Our world is fast paced, filled with noise and technology, and Sunday worship and learning is no longer a priority even in many homes where the people do identify themselves as Christian. The list of changes and challenges can go on, but you have the idea....you can add your own observations.

So, what do we do about all of this? I for one am not ready to throw up my hands in discouragement. I still believe that faith in God is the most basic human need. I believe that God's best and fullest revelation of himself is found in Jesus. I believe that without the Holy Spirit's power at work in the world, this would be a very, very sad place. So, I want to continue to share the Gospel message, continue to call people to faith in Christ, and continue to call Jesus' disciples to deeper use of spiritual disciplines and more active practice of our faith in our daily lives. With all my heart, I believe that developing our relationship with God is by far the most important aspect in all of life.

Many voices are saying that the church needs to change. Pastor Kevin and I, along with eight other members of Grace, recently attended an event led by The Rev. Dr. David Lose, Preaching Professor at Luther Seminary. Pastor Lose acknowledged that although many of us are still very happy with the church today, we must ask ourselves whether church as we currently know it, is "working for our children and grandchildren." In a world of limitless options, how can we engage our young people

in such a way that they will make participation in the Body of Christ a top priority in their lives?

I am coming to the end of my space for this article!!! So, I've given you more questions than answers. But then, I don't yet have the answers!! These are questions that we need to explore together. Whether we are thinking about our worship services, our educational offerings, or our servant role in the community, we all need to ask the pressing questions about how we can tell the Gospel

message in such a way that people are drawn in to receive the Bread of Life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we won't fail.....as we seek to take one step at a time into the future, we have the exciting opportunity to be a part of the continuing growth and expansion of Christ's mission in the world. Thank you for being my partners in this mission!

Pastor Martha

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### **Traditional Music Notes**

by Ted Dix, Director

*Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development*



A special thank you goes out to all the members of the Chancel, Festival, and Luther Choirs, with soloists, narrators, and Akaloo Kids, for their outstanding performance of the Easter cantata *Lord of Glory: A Celebration of the Risen Christ*, by Stan Pethel, at the 10am All Grace Worship Service on May 15. What more special way to celebrate the risen Christ than by a church-wide, multi-generational choral music performance with narration. It gives me great joy to witness the entire church come together for events like this!

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Sunday, May 6 at 9am – Agape Handbell Choir will be performing at worship.
- Sunday, May 13 at 11:15am – Luther Choir will be performing at worship.

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## **Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County Spring Concert 2012**

*featuring*

### ***Music from Maryland and Beyond***

Music by Baster, Boudreaux, Epstein, Farina, Holiday, Koontz, Whittlesey and Others

Margaret Boudreaux, Artistic Director

Ted Dix, Organ

**Sunday, May 13, 2012, 7:00 PM**

**Baker Memorial Chapel, McDaniel College**

Admission: \$12 adults (\$10 if purchased in advance) (All students w/ID & children admitted free at the door.)

**Tickets will be available online [www.MasterworksofCC.org](http://www.MasterworksofCC.org), at the door, from Chorale members, and at the Carroll County Arts Council. For information: 410 871-3371**



## **Women of the ELCA**

by Helen Englar



The WELCA of Grace will be assembling health kits for Lutheran World Relief at our May meeting. We will meet May 21, 2012 at the church. We will put collection boxes in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces for donations from the congregation. We also welcome monetary donations from the congregation if anyone prefers to help in that way.

We need to following items for the health kits:

- Two bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original packaging
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the nail file)

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## **Church Women United**

by Helen Englar

May Friendship Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 9 at St. John's United Methodist Church in Hampstead. The theme for this Celebration is Sights and Sounds of Harmony: "Listening to My Sisters." Registration will begin at 9:30am followed by the program at 10:00am. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$6 per person. Please call Helen Englar by May 2 if you wish to attend.

The theme of this Celebration is focused on our heritage and how God brings us together from many places, generations and faiths. Each person is asked to bring a picture or an item that has been handed down from a past generation. Each woman who participates in this will be given an opportunity to explain the history of the picture or items that they brought to share with the group.

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## **Are You Ready for Some BASEBALL?**

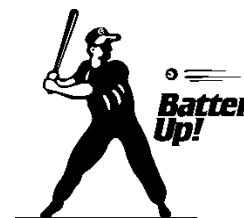
by Arthur Pease

Please join Grace, St. Benjamin's and Trinity Deer Park Lutheran Churches for "Night at the Ballgame"

Frederick Keys vs. Myrtle Beach Pelicans  
Friday, June 22

Bus leaves the Carroll Street Parking Lot at 5:45pm

Cost is \$20.00 per person (includes the bus)



The game will be at Harry Grove Stadium. Of course, there will be fireworks after the game and something new called "Cowboy Monkey Rodeo" for additional entertainment. Bus transportation provided by Rill's, seats 45, and will leave from the Carroll Street lot at 5:45pm. To sign up, use the RCR card during weekend worship services. Checks should say "Baseball" on the memo line and money is due by June 16.

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

by Anita Erb, Director

May will be a busy month for all us at Little Friends of Grace. It is hard to believe another school year is coming to an end. We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and fun summer. Our best wishes to our pre-K students as they head off to kindergarten. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school in September.



### **Mother's Day Tea**

Our pre-K four-year old classes will be having their Mother's Day Teas on May 9 and 11. The children plan on baking cookies for their mothers. They will also be singing a few songs.

### **Three's Field Trips**

Our three-year old classes will visit Dell Dairy Farm on May 4 and 10. This is our sixth year visiting the farm and we enjoy learning all about cows and milk. We always have a fun time.

They also visited the Westminster City Police station on April 11 and May 1. The police station visit concurred with our unit on community helpers.

### **Dining Out - Baughers**

Please join us for our last Dining Out of the school year -- Tuesday, May 15 at Baugher's Restaurant from 7:30am-9:00pm. Come dine with us and enjoy a sundae for dessert! All proceeds benefit the scholarship fund at LFOG.

### **End of the Year Parties and Graduation**

May 21-25 will be the last week of school for the students at Little Friends. We have end of the year activities planned for each age. The two-year olds will have a picnic at Dutterer's Park with their families. Our three-year olds will be singing songs at the Community Pond in Westminster. The pre-K four-year old classes will be participating in their graduation ceremonies followed by refreshments and fellowship.

### **Registration**

We are still accepting registration for the 2012/2013 school year. Our hours for next year will be 9:00-12:00 with a pre-K four-year old class from 9:00-2:00 MWF. Please call Anita in the preschool office if you would like more information.

### **Thank you**

The staff at Little Friends would like to thank the Grace Lutheran congregation for all of their support this past year from collecting soup labels, purchasing tickets for our fundraisers, dining out with us and supporting our Silent Auction.

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## **Kids Night Out – May 11**

Fun, Food and Inflatables  
Friday, May 11, 6-8 pm

4 Seasons Sports Complex  
2710 Hampstead-Mexico Road  
Cost: \$5 per child.

Price includes choice of hot dog or slice of pizza, drink and ice cream, plus lots of inflatable fun!

Please RSVP on the RCR card during the weekend worship services.

For more information contact Christy Vadder at 410.374.3144 or [cjvadder@gmail.com](mailto:cjvadder@gmail.com).



## **You're Invited! ... Annual Ice Cream Social and Band Concert – June 3**

by Fred Schlerf

Residents of Timber Ridge/Ridge Residences, Friends and Supporters are invited to Westminster Church Homes Foundation's Annual Ice Cream Social and Band Concert (Westminster Municipal Band) to be held on Sunday, June 3 at 2:30 pm at the Timber Ridge Community Center (101 Timber Ridge Drive, Westminster). The event will be held rain or shine. Lawn chairs are recommended. Parking is available on Stoner Avenue, at CHANGE or at the Senior Center. Any questions, call 410-876-2550.



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### **Grace Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

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

**Do you know a man like MOSES who faced great opposition and needed a companion to support him and speak on his behalf?**

**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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### **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.

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### **Teaching Parish Student Drew McCaffery**



During the 2011-2012 school year, Grace was blessed to get to know Drew McCaffery who served as our Teaching Parish Student. Drew has completed his time with us as the school year now draws to a close. This summer, Drew is getting married as well as undertaking a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education which is a required part of his preparation for ordination. In the fall, Drew will return to seminary in Gettysburg for a second academic year before going on a year-long internship. We wish Drew well as he continues on in the process toward ordination. We've really enjoyed working with him in this step of his education.



**Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin**

### **Timmy's Corner**

The month of May will be upon us very soon. Every living thing will be out in the sunshine trying to soak up those life giving rays of sun. This is the season for plants and animals to grow and reproduce to complete their cycles. However, people, that's you - and not the family pet that reads this section - are subject to sun damage, no matter their age or skin color. Please use some common sense and cover up since you don't have a shell...you don't see sunburned terrapins going about do you?

The night time has its issues also, and that makes it hard to escape the almost silent buzz of our not-so-friendly mosquito. Those little critters can multiply in the smallest amount of water that you may not even think possible. The United States ended the Anopheles Mosquito on its soil in 1951 and while you and others in North America and many other parts of the world have the problem under control, other less fortunate countries still have to fight the effects. And, the most likely to be hit by these stealth warriors are the youngest part of our population, the children and infants. **Did you know that a child dies every 60 seconds from mosquito bites outside the United States?** I started doing some research and found that **\$1** can help a child with malaria receive medicine; **\$10.00** can purchase and deliver an insecticide-treated mosquito net that will last a long time. I read that the Lutheran Malaria Initiative is an unprecedented campaign to mobilize U.S. Lutherans to help end malaria deaths in Africa by 2015. This may be a lot to take in so I'll save some of detail on how you and others can join in to help other Lutherans around the world for next month.

Did you know that the Women of the ELCA at Grace already have given money toward mosquito nets? Thanks, ladies!!!!

Everyone, please continue to support me and my monthly aid programs through your continued giving. I got a little side tracked there with that pesky mosquito but who can stop a terrapin when they're fired up about something?

Take care and be safe out there; these are pleasant yet dangerous times...

*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 in the Announcements during worship.





## **Grace Lutheran Vacation Bible Camp**

**July 16-20, 2012**

**5:00 – 8:30 Dinner included**

**Preschool – completed grade 5**

**\$10 per camper**

Vacation Bible Camp will be packed full of fun as we Splash in God's Word!! We are asking you to register early so that we can get everything lined up for an especially exciting event!! Children in pre-school through those who have completed fifth grade are invited to participate. Those who are older (youth and adults) are welcome to serve as volunteers. There's room for everyone! Let's make this a fantastic year of Bible Camp!!

The registration fee of \$10 helps to cover the light supper that will be served each evening at 5:00. Following dinner there will be time for music, Bible study, games, science, and so much more!!! Weather permitting, all activities on Thursday evening will be held in Dutterer Park.

Come on out, one and all, you won't want to miss Vacation Bible Camp this year!!!!!!!!!!

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## **Monthly Pot Luck and Song**

Don't like to eat alone???

Do you find that eating out is getting more and more costly?

Would you like to know more people in your church family?

Do you like to encourage others?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you should consider joining us on the last Wednesday of each month for Pot Luck and Song. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 for a meal that always turns out to be a great meal!!! After dinner, Ted Dix takes to the piano and we sing some of our favorite hymns. We finish up between 7:15 & 7:30. Please give it a try! We'd love to see you.



**Potluck and Song**

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## **Adult Education Brain Storming Session**

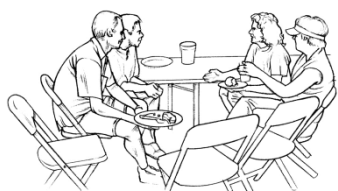
Adult Education is very important here at Grace. A variety of Bible Studies and Book Studies take place on weekdays in addition to several adult classes on Sunday mornings. The Adult Education Committee holds an Annual Planning Session to which members of the congregation are invited. We'd love to hear from you!!! If you have an idea for expanding our adult education offerings, please join us on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor next to Pastor Martha's office.



**Brainstorming  
Meeting**



## Grace in Our Neighborhoods

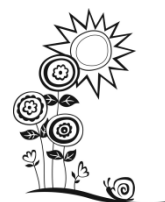


### Grace in Our Neighborhoods

This summer, we are planning to have neighborhood gatherings of people who are members and friends of Grace Lutheran Church. This will be a fun way to get to know one another outside of the church building and formal church activities. Many of the council members already have volunteered to be some of the hosts for these gatherings. But we'd still like to create a few more groups. "Neighborhood" might mean a few streets or a much wider geographical area. We expect that most groups would include about a dozen individuals. (This is a pilot project, an experiment of sorts, so we may not cover all neighborhoods, but we want to include as many as possible. Can you help?)

Hosts are asked to set a date, invite people (with the help of names of people in your neighborhood), and provide the place for the gathering. You can gather for desserts or you could have a picnic or a pot luck supper. The pastors will attend as many gatherings as schedules permit. Neighborhood gatherings are to be held sometime between the beginning of June and the end of August.

If you would like to host a neighborhood gathering in your area or if you are not able to host, but would like to participate in a gathering in your area, please contact Pastor Martha. There will be opportunity to respond on the RCR card at worship also. We are looking forward to having a lot of fun in these informal settings. People of ALL ages are welcome!!



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### Thank You to Everyone!

by Sheilah Keefer and Dawn Stem



In May, we (Sheilah and Dawn) will be celebrating our one year anniversary with Grace! We wanted to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone. Your kindness and patience with us has been overwhelming. Working with the pastors, other staff members, church members and our volunteers has been an honor. This past year has gone by very fast and we are still learning faces and names. We appreciate all the visits to the office and all your help along the way. Without you, we would not be where we are today! Please continue to stop in and say hi.

Our heartfelt thanks for welcoming us and making our first year at Grace a wonderful experience! May God bless each and every one of you!

## Looking Ahead to Summer ...

Here is an event that will be happening here at Grace this summer. Please mark your calendar now. Look for more information in the Announcements during worship.

- 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*. 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.

## May Calendar of Events

### TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012

10:30 am Tuesday Morning Bible Overview (L)  
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 6:30 pm Children's Chorus – Prep for NYC trip (T)  
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 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 Evening Bible Overview (FH)  
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

### THURSDAY, MAY 3, 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 Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

### FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
 5:30 pm Michael Card/Least of These Concert (GH, FH)  
 6:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

### SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012

7:30 pm 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  
 10:15 am New Member Class (L)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 12:15 pm Annual Congregation Informational Meeting (S)  
 7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

### MONDAY, MAY 7, 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 Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

10:30 am Tuesday Morning Bible Overview (L)  
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Adult Education Brainstorming/Planning Mtg. (Parlor)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 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 Evening Bible Overview (FH)  
 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (108)

### THURSDAY, MAY 10, 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 Finance Committee Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

### FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 13, 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, MAY 14, 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)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

(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

## May Calendar of Events (continued)

### TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

10:30 am Tuesday Morning Bible Overview (L)  
12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)  
5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)  
7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)  
7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Overview (FH)  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

### THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012

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, MAY 18, 2012

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

9:00 am Red Cross CPR/AED for Professionals (108)  
10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)  
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
6:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)  
6:00 pm "Courageous" Movie & Dinner (TBD)

### SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012

10:00 am All Grace Worship Service (GH)  
9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
7:30 pm Promises AA Meeting (101A/101B)

### MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012

10:30 am Tuesday Morning Bible Overview (L)  
12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)  
7:00 pm Shepherd Staff Board Meeting (108)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)  
5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)  
7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Overview (FH)  
7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, MAY 24, 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, MAY 25, 2012

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012

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

### MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012

**MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY –**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

### TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)  
7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (LGS)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)  
5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)  
6:00 pm Potluck Dinner and Song (FH)  
7:00 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, MAY 31, 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 New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)



*Summer  
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## **Michael Card Concert to Benefit Starving Haitians – Infant Deaths have Decreased ... Thanks to The Least of These Ministries**

by Mel Arbaugh



The Least of These Ministries is sponsoring a concert with Christian musician and singer Michael Card on Saturday, May 5, 2012. The concert will be held in Grace Hall at Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll Street, Westminster, Md. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on line at [www.leastofthesemin.org](http://www.leastofthesemin.org) or by calling 410-848-2128.

In a career that spans 30 years, Michael Card has recorded over 31 albums, authored or co-authored over 24 books, hosted a radio program, and written for a wide range of magazines. While he has penned such favorites as El Shaddai, Love Crucified Arose, and Emmanuel, he never imagined selling more than 4 million albums or writing over 19 #1 hits. The popularity of his work seemed a stark contrast to his goal in life, to simply and quietly teach the Bible.

Founded in 1999, The Least of These Ministries is an ecumenical Christian organization that is dedicated to assisting the Haitian harvesters who live in work camps in the Dominican Republic. These work camps are known as bateys and offer little more than basic protection from the elements. The Least of These Ministries is dedicated to ministering to the people in the bateys and providing one meal per week of rice and beans and currently feeds 9,000 people on a weekly basis. Generally the meal provided by The Least of These is the best of the 4 or 5 meals these people get for the week. In those bateys where The Least of These have been distributing the meals for several years the infant death rate has decreased from about 36% to about 12%, simply because the mothers of the infants are now able to produce milk.

For more information visit [www.leastofthesemin.org](http://www.leastofthesemin.org)

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## **Care of God's Creation**

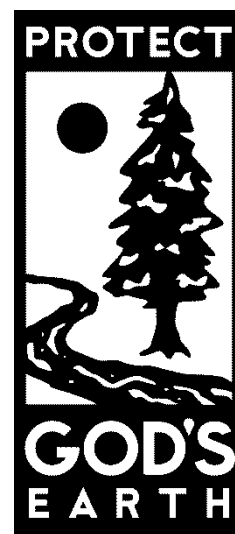
by Laura Heller

Lutherans Restoring Creation is an organization whose mission is to empower and equip ELCA congregations, synods, seminaries, colleges and universities, outdoor ministry sites, public policy offices, social ministry organizations, and the ELCA church wide leadership to embrace caring for creation in more substantive and meaningful ways.

Visit their web site at <http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home> for resources such as these environmental tips:

- Turn off the lights and TV when you are not in the room.
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper napkins.
- Use organic products for the lawn instead of chemicals.
- Pull weeds instead of spraying with chemicals.
- Shop at the farmer's markets in the summer. Buy local produce whenever possible.
- A two-degree adjustment in your thermostat setting (lower in winter, higher in summer) can prevent 500 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere each year.

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.



## May Worship Leaders & Assistants

### MAY 5-6, 2012

**5:00 pm** – Pat Goldberg, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

**7:45 am** – Caroline Babylon

**9:00 am** – Rachel Fairchild

**Communion Assistants:** Sharon Glass, Alyson Guerra, Harold Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Linwood Van Horn

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

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

### MAY 12-13, 2012

**5:00 pm** – Laura Heller

**7:45 am** – Al Doermann

**9:00 am** – Jan Mickey

**Communion Assistants:** Dena Hodges, Ron Wentz, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Don Ludwig

**Ushers:** Jocelyn Spreitzer, Sandra Harrison, Les Null, Randy Bachtel

**11:15 am** – Rich Schuster, **Reader:** Leonard Cherry

### MAY 19-20, 2012 – ALL GRACE - CONFIRMATION

**5:00 pm** – Kay Betz

**10:00 am** – Craig Giles

**Communion Assistants:** Beth Meyers, Don Meyers, Kim Meyers, Matt Sherlock, Rich Schuster

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

### MAY 26-27, 2012

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

**7:45 am** – Pat Goldberg

**9:00 am** – Ron Fairchild

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

**Ushers:** Perry Crowl, Nancy Taylor, Janet Harrison, Steve Crews

**11:15 am** – Greg Hare



### May

**SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL –**  
Jim and Donna Helm

## May Birthdays

**May 1**

Plunkert, Charles  
Wright, Julie

**May 2**

Arbaugh, Robert  
Barnes, Carolyn  
Engle, Joseph  
Keys, Beth  
Koerner, Faye  
Schaeffer, Jacob  
Waltz, Charlotte

**May 3**

Allred, Joe  
Fendlay, Robin  
Ludwig, Bonnie  
Wiles, James

**May 4**

Beckhardt, Charles  
Ensor, Samuel  
Glass Button, Taylor  
Zavandro, Kelly

**May 5**

Frazier, Tyler  
Hirt, Mindy  
Johnson, Cherie  
Leppo, Daisy

**May 6**

Borleis, Audrey  
Deardorff, Sharon  
Fieni, Frank  
Kuawogai, Vivian  
Meyers, Kimberly  
Snyder, Tyler

**May 7**

Biggs, Lee Ann  
Ganjon, Karen  
Kent, Mandy  
Sexton, Kayla  
Weidman, Steven  
Zavandro, Trey

**May 8**

Buhrman, Harriet  
Comegna, Rebecca  
Crews, Steve  
Dull, Brandon  
Myers, Diana

**May 9**

Dietz, Tony  
Fernandez, Thomas  
Fernandez, Robert  
Fernandez, Steven  
Martin, Gloria  
Rivera-Hand, Kaylee

**May 10**

Nixon, Justin  
Snyder, Jane  
Thomas, John  
Wimmer, Trevor  
Wright, Phillip

**May 11**

Bridgeman, Robin  
Jones, Jonathan  
Main, Terry  
Warner, Donald

**May 12**

Helm, Callie  
Kurland, Jaime  
Luesse, Erika  
Senseney, Ruth  
Stiles, Laura

**May 13**

Bachtel, Randy  
Evans, Patsy  
Wardenfelt, Richard  
Wiles, Helen

**May 14**

Becker, Esther  
Brynes, Pat  
Espenschade, Marj  
Kessler, Andrew  
Loscomb, Kristen

**May 15**

Burk, Abigail  
Cockley, Andrew  
Jacobson, Elizabeth

**May 16**

Herman, Oliva  
Smith, Cody  
Strevig, Disa

**May 17**

Arbaugh, Mel  
Cox, Garrett  
Hundertmark, Corilla  
Leppo, Kelsea  
Nixon, Mary

**May 18**

Baltzell, E. Lee  
Hirt, Gertrude  
Shimoda, Adam  
Smith, Mason

**May 19**

DeCosmo, Jimmy  
Leppo, Evelyn  
Lienhard, Anna  
Selby, Kevyn  
Selby, Kyle

**May 20**

Ausmus, Colton  
Becker, Valerie  
Bowersox, Michael  
Culver, Gabrielle  
DeRita, Renee  
Sherlock, Erin  
Ways, Chandler

**May 21**

Gressieux, Bryan  
Gressieux, Russ  
Grigg, Faith  
Lewis, Kevin  
Null, Les  
Spears, Ryan  
Spreitzer, Harrison  
Zielske, Carly

**May 22**

Dixon, Chase  
Dull, Eleanor

**May 23**

Fourhman, Marion  
Moreland, Lucy  
Pace, Kathleen

**May 24**

Bream, Robert  
Crowl, Caitlin  
McCloskey, Rosemary  
Norris, Dennis  
Weisgerber, Martha  
Weishaar, Kenneth

**May 25**

Sexton, Heather

**May 26**

Clements, Barbara  
Forman, Lynn  
Jacobson, Liam  
Shrader, Jennifer

**May 27**

Sluder, Charles  
Tschiegg, Kathy  
Wiles, Jason

**May 28**

Brynes, Lauren  
Fletcher, Dale  
Staub, Rachel

**May 29**

Dull, Larry  
Lienhard, Laura  
Stanton, Sam

**May 31**

Benton, Danny  
Eppler, Emma  
Landy, Ryan  
Meehan, Terry



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

by Craig Giles

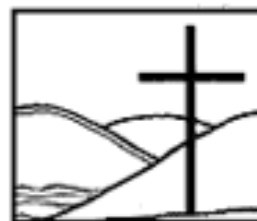
**PURPOSE:** Mar-Lu-Ridge is a year-round outdoor ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Situated in the beautiful Catoctin Mountains of central Maryland, we minister through summer camp, retreats, our conference center, and a variety of programs offered throughout the year.



**VISIT US:** We have two more open house dates in 2012: May 13 and June 10 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.

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### **Heifer International**

As of April 23, 2012, the  
balance of the  
Heifer International Fund is \$1,134.40.



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### **Personal Notes**

#### **In Memoriam:**

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

Family of Margaret Zepp – April 8, 2012  
Family of Terry L. Jenkins – April 15, 2012



***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, Steve Haines, Jonathan Jones, Nathan Karlson, Jeff Kelly, 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

**Continuing Prayers:** Dale, Janie, Marshall's dad, Miss Velma's sister, Catherine Booth, Sandy Bowman, Troy Bowman, Shirley Boyle, Jimmy Bright, Barbara Caples, Tim Cooke, Roger Dorsey, Eileen Erikson, Linda Kramer & Family, Sharon Little, Bo Oliver, Ed Pinder, Elizabeth Reinhard, Carol Riggelman, Nancy Wilson

**Seminarians:** Beth Clementson, Laura Heller

**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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