



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20, 2012

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NEXT WEEKEND ...

PENTECOST WEEKEND

Saturday, May 26

5:00 pm

Sunday, May 27

7:45am, 9:00am, **10:30am**

Summer Schedule

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. Please stop by the Visitor's Table to pick up a Welcome Bag. We invite you to sign the RCR card or fill out a visitor's card at the Table so we can get to know you.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, May 20

10:00 am All Grace Worship - Confirmation (GH)

Monday, May 21

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

Tuesday, May 22

10:30 am Tuesday Morning Bible Overview (L)
 12:00 pm Table of Grace (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

Wednesday, May 23

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)
 7:30 pm Praise Band & Singers Practice (GH)

Thursday, May 24

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Dinner (FH)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA (109/110)

Friday, May 25

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

Saturday, May 26

6:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (L)

Sunday, May 27

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:00 am Reception for New Members (LGS)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)



Summer Worship
Schedule Begins
Next Week

(**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

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Pastor Martha Clementson
May Altar Guild: Jim and Donna Helm (S, GH)
June Altar Guild: Doris Hare & Viera Sabol (S), Cyndy Beckhardt (GH)

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Kay Betz, **(10:00)** Craig Giles

Communion Assistants: (10:00) Beth Meyers, Don Meyers, Kim Meyers, Matt Sherlock, Rich Schuster

Ushers: (10:00) Ron Fairchild, Rachel Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, Matthew Fairchild

Acolyte: None scheduled

DAILY READINGS	
Sun (20)	John 17:6-19
Mon (21)	John 16:16-24
Tues (22)	Exodus 15:6-11
Weds (23)	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Thurs (24)	Acts 2:1-21
Fri (25)	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Sat (26)	Romans 8:22-27
Sun (27)	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



SERVING NEXT WEEK (May 26 & 27):

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Bob and Maddie Lichtfuss, **(7:45)** Pat Goldberg, **(9:00)** Ron Fairchild, **(10:30)** Greg Hare

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Stacie Dowling, Kim Eckenrode, Chad Plendl, Bill Comegna, Sue Roach

Ushers: (9:00) Perry Crawl, Nancy Taylor, Janet Harrison, Steve Crews

Acolyte: Anna Tschiegg

Affirmation of Baptism

During the All Grace Service on Sunday, we welcome nine of our young people into adult membership at Grace. We pray for God's blessing to surround them on this Confirmation Day.

They are: Ryan DeGreif, Amelia Dowling, Erika Ellis El, Haley Hoff, Kathryn Lienhard, Monica Martin, Erin Sherlock, Anna Tschiegg and Morgan Wimmer.

May 12 & 13 Attendance – **(5:00)** 21 **(7:45)** 37 **(9:00)** 245 **(11:15)** 96 **(TOTAL)** 399

Actual Income vs. Budgeted Income

Year to Date as of 5/14/2012

General Giving Budgeted Income	\$339,531.12	Mortgage Reduction Budgeted Income	\$70,482.40
General Giving Actual Income	\$252,489.64	Mortgage Reduction Actual Income	\$76,911.39
2012 YTD Budgeted Income	\$507,901.96	Total YTD Actual Expenses	\$425,872.71
2012 YTD Actual Income	\$434,992.10	Total YTD Actual Income	\$434,992.10
Budgeted Income Exceeding Actual	(\$72,909.86)	Total Income Exceeding Expenses	\$9,119.39

Attention Graduates!

We are collecting the names of **Grace members who have graduated from high school, college, trade school or graduate school.** Please submit names and other requested information via the RCR card by Sunday, May 27. Thank you!





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! Please plan to participate in this exciting event. Registrations are now being taken. Also, you can find registration forms in the Gathering Spaces, the back table in the Sanctuary, and at www.gracelc.org. Please register as soon as possible so we can have adequate supplies for all participants.



Grace Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God." (1 John 3:1 NIV)

As God's children, Stephen Ministers want to be there for fellow Christians who would like a confidential sounding board.

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

Women of the ELCA



On Monday afternoon, the WELCA of Grace will be assembling health kits for Lutheran World Relief at our May meeting. Monetary donations from the congregation are greatly appreciated. If you can lend a hand, we'd welcome you to join us this Monday at 1:30 pm in the Library.

Summer Classic Book Study - Bonhoeffer

The Summer Classic Book Study will meet again for the third year. We will be reading *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer over 6 weeks. Books are available for \$8.50 by speaking to Pastor Martha or stopping in the church office. We will begin on Thursday, June 28 from 7:00-8:15pm (location to be determined) with a discussion of the Introduction and Part I, so please read those sections by that date. If you did not read Bonhoeffer's biography with us last summer, you may also want to read the memoir by G. Leibholz in the front matter of the book published by Touchstone. For more information, see Amy Bittner or Sharon Glass.

Whether this is your first summer with us or your third, we hope you will join us for lively and insightful discussion of this Lutheran classic! Please sign up using the RCR card.

Monthly Pot Luck and Song - May

This month's Pot Luck and Song will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at 6:00 pm. Please join us for a meal and great fellowship!

Grace in Our Neighborhoods



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This summer, members and friends of Grace will be gathering in a variety of neighborhoods. This will be a fun way to get to know one another outside of the church building and formal church activities. If you don't see your neighborhood in the list, and would like to volunteer to host a gathering, please contact Pastor Martha. The host will set the date and time and choose the type of gathering. With the help of the church office, the host will issue invitations to people that we know live in the area. If you'd like to attend a gathering, please let us know so that we won't miss you!!!

So far, the Gatherings will include:

NEIGHBORHOOD

Westminster Highlands
 Manchester-Hampstead area
 Hughes Shop Rd/Pinch Valley
 Young Mothers Group (non-geographical)
 Autumn Ridge
 Friendship Valley/Diamond Hills
 Kemper Ave
 Pennsylvania Avenue
 East Green Street

Summer is a great time to relax together!!! People of all ages are welcome. We hope you will join in the gathering in your neighborhood!!!

College Students are Invited to Apply to the Phillip Family Scholarship Fund

In 2001, Lester N. Phillip, Jr., a member of Grace, died, and as part of his estate, established the Phillip Family Scholarship Fund, which can be used to fund one or more full tuition scholarships to an accredited college or university. Active members of Grace are given priority in awarding these scholarships. Recipients are selected by two attorneys in Baltimore who are the Co-Trustees of the Fund. Criteria include financial need, academic standing, and good moral character.

The packet of application materials can be downloaded from our church website at www.gracelc.org. Applications must be received no later than June 15, 2012.

Timber Ridge Annual Ice Cream Social

You are invited to join residents of Timber Ridge/Ridge Residences for their 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.



CONNECT Ministries Summer Bible Study



An eight week Bible study will be starting up once again this summer. The study is Beth Moore's *James: Mercy Triumphs*. It will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm beginning June 20. The cost is \$20 per person.

To sign up, please use the RCR card. The deadline for registration is June 1. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "Connect" on the memo line to ensure proper credit. Any questions, please contact Carol Arbaugh directly at 410-848-4776.

Church Properties for Sale

On Sunday, May 6, the congregation authorized the Church Council to sell the houses owned by Grace which are located across the street from the church building. The addresses are 18, 20 and 22 Carroll Street. As a first step in this process, we are announcing this sale to members of our congregation.

If you are interested in considering the purchase of these properties, please contact Council President Charles Beckhardt (chasbeck@comcast.net or 410-876-0429). Charlie can talk with you about details and arrange for a tour of the properties. Or you can contact one of the pastors by calling the church office.

New Members Reception

Next weekend, new members will be received during our worship services. Please join us between worship services at 10:00 am for a light reception in the Lower Gathering Space as we welcome our newest members.

LFOG Scholarships

Little Friends of Grace is accepting registrations for the 2012/2013 school year. We currently have limited openings in all classes except for the MWF 3's. Our hours for the upcoming school year will be from 9:00-12:00; we are excited to offer a MWF 9:00-2:00 option for our Pre-K 4's.

For the 2012/2013 school year we have had an increased number of requests for scholarships. Currently we have more requests than what we had originally budgeted but we are pleased that we have raised all but \$37.00 of our \$3,000.00 scholarship funds. We will continue to hold dining out fundraisers along with selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends tickets in the fall but anticipate that we may still require additional monies to honor all of our scholarship requests in 2012.

We appreciate the support of the Grace Lutheran congregation and would like families to consider giving a monthly or one time donation to the scholarship fund of Little Friends of Grace. If you have any questions please contact Anita in the preschool office at 410-848-7020. Thank you for your willingness to support the mission of Little Friends of Grace at Grace Lutheran Church.



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, 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, Kim Allred, Marion Bauman, Andy and Ginny Beazley, Catherine Booth, Sandy Bowman, Troy Bowman, Shirley Boyle, Barbara Caples, Joseph Colonna, Tim Cooke, Roger Dorsey, Eileen Erikson, Robert L. Green, Charles Haas, Dennis Hughes, Linda Kramer & Family, Mary Krempin, Sharon Little, Emily Motter, Bo Oliver, Glenda Pierce, Ed Pinder, Elizabeth Reinhard, Carol Riggelman, Elizabeth Rollings, 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.

Are You Ready for Some BASEBALL?



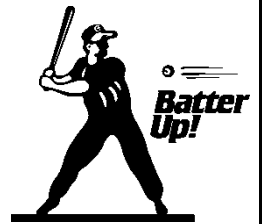
Please join Grace, St. Benjamin's and Trinity Deer Park Lutheran Churches for "Night at the Ballgame"

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.



Reservations are now being accepted.

Please sign up as soon as possible.