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Deadline for *August*

Grace Notes is Tuesday, July 10. Please email your news to Dawn – dstem@gracelc.org or stop by the office during office hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).

GRACE NOTES IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. CHECK IT OUT!

[HTTP://GRACELC.ORG/NEWS/GRACE-NOTES/](http://gracelc.org/news/grace-notes/)

Co-Senior Pastors Report from May Congregational Meeting

The first four months of 2012 have been busy months filled with opportunities for worship, learning and service here at Grace. We've recently completed the six week observance of Lent which prepared us for a joyful celebration of Easter. We are grateful for the people who helped to make Lent a most meaningful time. Volunteers provided delicious soup meals while others joined in caring for the worship spaces, and providing music and messages that made the Lenten Season a time for spiritual growth.

The future holds much excitement for us as well. Beginning in August, Grace will again have a seminary intern. Karin Albaugh, a member of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Frederick and a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg will serve here at Grace as our "Vicar." Working 40 hours a week, Vicar Karin will participate in a variety of ministry duties along with us as she gains knowledge and skill as a pastor.

We again are engaged in the Search/Call process for a new Director of Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministry. We hope to find a person who has people skills, faith, commitment, theological training and experience in youth ministry. That's a tall order, but we believe finding such a person is important for the development of ministry, so please join us in prayer that God will provide such a person for Grace.

We are looking forward to an exciting summer! "Grace in Our Neighborhoods" is a pilot project with the goal that at least 6-8 gatherings will be held in local neighborhoods giving members, potential members, and friends of Grace a chance to get to know one another better in a social setting. The gatherings will range from dessert gatherings to pot luck barbeques. We are still looking for a couple more host sites. If you'd like to participate, please see Pastor Martha.

Plans for Vacation Bible Camp are well underway. We are excited because we think this will be an especially good program this year. It will be held July 16-20 from 5:00 - 8:30. Preschool through fifth grade are invited to participate. Middle school and high school students are invited to help with the program along with the adult volunteers. Registrations are being taken now so that we can get things in place for this exciting program.

Many other activities will be taking place over the summer...Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp, Community Garden, Bonhoeffer Book Study, Baseball Games, Men's Bible Study, Monthly Pot Luck and Song, are just a few examples. Watch Grace Notes and the weekly announcements for details on all of the worship, learning, service and fellowship opportunities. We hope you will get involved!!

Pastor Kevin Clementson and Pastor Martha Clementson

Are You Ready for Some BASEBALL?

by Arthur Pease

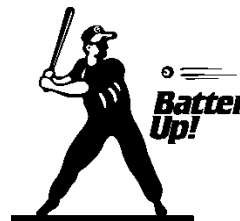
Please join Grace, St. Benjamin's and Trinity Deer Park Lutheran Churches for "Night at the Ballgame"

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

Registration

We continue to register new children for the 2012/2013 school year. We currently have 96 children registered for the upcoming school year. We have limited openings in all classes except for our MWF 3's class.

New hours and new class

Our hours for the 2012/2013 school year will be 9:00-12:00. We also will be offering a new class option for our Pre-K 4's; this class will meet MWF from 9:00-2:00. This will enable children to experience a longer school day prior to going into kindergarten.

Summer Office Hours

The preschool office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 until 1:00. The office will be closed May 28 – June 1 and June 6 – 10.



Grace Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

THANK YOU, GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH!!

Stephen Ministry thanks our congregation for supporting this Lay Ministry for 10 YEARS! We are grateful for all the education and support. In addition, we are honored by the many individuals who allowed Stephen Ministers to walk with them during challenging times.

CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE



Heifer International

As of May 21, 2012, the balance of the Heifer International Fund is \$1,153.82.



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 or 443-291-6044 if you would like to volunteer.

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 (410-848-7020).

Mark Your Calendar ... First Time Gathering

by Sheilah Keefer

We are excited to announce that Grace is starting a new group for Families! We invite you to come and meet other families, enjoy each other's company, eat good food, watch our children play while enjoying great conversation and relaxing! **All families** with children 5 years of age and younger are invited to the kick-off picnic Sunday, August 12 at 3pm at Sheilah and Jeff Keefer's home in New Windsor, MD. If you would like to join us, you can sign up by using the RCR card in the weekly announcements at weekend worship services or by emailing Sheilah at skeef@gracelc.org.

Attention Homebuilders and Pastor Kevin's Adult Education Students

by Stacie Dowling

Christian Education is looking for those whom God is calling to teach our youngest members. Next year beginning in the fall, 2012, we are coordinating with the adult education classes so that those interested in teaching may volunteer to teach either for the fall session or the spring session allowing them to attend adult education the rest of the year. Please contact Stacie Dowling (dowlingfarm@gmail.com) or Carrie Oddis (coddis@modimation.com) if interested. Remember our kids need your help.

Red Cross Blood Drive

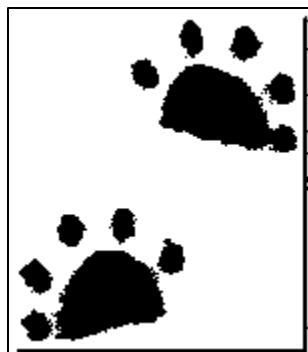
by Emma Jane Weishaar



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on July 16 from 2:00 – 8:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Anybody heard a forecast for the summer yet? You know there will be hot spells, rain and my personal favorite... humidity. There's nothing like a moist day or a swim through the pond of just plain old damp mud. You know the gooey, mushy kind that can get into every pore of your body.

How about vacation... anybody planning one yet? Do you think about your church while you are away? Did you ever think that while you're having some time away with friends and family the Church and I still need those monthly donations? You might not miss them or me, but we miss you and not just those envelopes. You know, the folks back home even continue to pray for your safety and a happy and rested return back to the fold.

Remember last month when I was telling you about fighting malaria? Well, earlier in May it was World Malaria Day, and I want to share an update with you from the ELCA. Even though we're still counting on the generous outpouring of gifts from ELCA members, we're very hopeful that our \$200,000 goal will be met. So far, we've received more than \$120,000 in online donations and we know that many individuals and congregations have placed gifts and offerings in the mail. It'll take a few more weeks to total these gifts, but I'll keep you posted.

Thanks to your generous gifts and support, they believe that the ELCA Malaria Campaign will launch work in Liberia earlier than anticipated. In a country where malaria accounts for 30 percent of deaths in hospitals, this couldn't come at a more important time.

I do thank you for your supportive donations and as you can see there are a lot of other caring humans that feel the same. Please continue to support me and my monthly aid programs through your continued giving. Maybe we could do a mud bath together or eat a few mosquitos, you know, a real bonding event.

Take care and be safe out there and enjoy the summer... I'll be missing you when you are away!

Timmy

Do You Have Financial Freedom?

by Sheilah Keefer

If not, your chance to enjoy what other Grace members and friends have been enjoying for a year is here again! Our **2nd Annual Financial Peace University Classes** will be starting in **August 2012!** See how 13 sessions can change your financial situation in ways you never imagined. All are welcome to attend, discounts available to members of Grace! Look for the registration form in the upcoming weekly announcements or for more information contact Andy Myers, Coordinator at Andrew@getthepart.com or Sheilah in the church office (410-848-7020).

A free preview session will be held on Sunday, August 5 at 2:00pm in the Theater. Each class session will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:20 pm in the Theater.

Congratulations to Our Confirmands

We welcome the following young people into adult membership at Grace and look forward to serving Christ together. They are: Ryan DeGreif, Amelia Dowling, Erika Ellis El, Haley Hoff, Kathryn Lienhard, Monica Martin, Erin Sherlock, Anna Tschiegg and Morgan Wimmer.



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!!!!!!!



Christian Stewardship and the Plains of the Serengeti... WHAT?

Years ago one of the most popular Sunday evening television programs was Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom. The show's host, Marlin Perkins, did many programs on the plains of the Serengeti, a region known for the great migrations of Wildebeests; millions of animals forced by an annual drought to enter into a great migration in search for water and food. The great scene of massive herds of animals racing across the plains of the Serengeti is brought to mind each summer as I can almost imagine a scene of church treasures wandering across the barren financial landscape of summer seeking the resources to keep the ministries of their respective congregations operating. Just as water becomes scarce in the annual drought of the Serengeti Plains, so too money becomes equally scarce for Christian churches. In Africa the drought is a result of no rain from late June to November. In the Church, the financial drought is often the result of members redirecting their financial resources toward summer activities. Whatever the reason the summer financial drought is real and often a very difficult time in the life of this and most congregations.



Please remember that the need to maintain the ministries of Grace Lutheran Church does not stop with the coming of summer. Do not forget the needs of the Church or the importance of your sustaining contributions during all your summer activities. Without your

ongoing generous support the many important ministries of this congregation would cease. In your travels and summer plans please remember the take time for worship and continue your financial support for the ministries of the Gospel at Grace Lutheran Church.

Congratulations to Dustin Oddis!!!!

Dustin Oddis won 3rd place in the Carroll County "Fair Housing Poster Contest." The top three county winners were submitted to the State Contest. Dustin was one of 13 children chosen in the State of Maryland. The Maryland State Treasurer, Nancy Kopp, presented a certificate and gift card to Dustin at the State House in Annapolis. Dustin's poster will appear in the 2013 Fair Housing Calendar!

Congratulations, Dustin....your church family is proud of you!

Grace in Our Neighborhoods



Grace in Our Neighborhoods

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 – Hosted by Pastor Kevin and Pastor Martha
 Manchester-Hampstead area – Hosted by Ron and Rachel Fairchild
 Hampstead and More – Hosted by Bob and Kathy Rehak
 Hughes Shop Rd/Pinch Valley – Hosted by the Monka and Ganjon families
 Young Families Group (non-geographical) – Hosted by Jeff and Sheilah Keefer
 Autumn Ridge – Hosted by the Yarish family and Deborah Brennan
 Friendship Valley/Diamond Hills – Hosted by the Oddis family
 Kemper Ave – Hosted by Pat Goldberg
 Pennsylvania Avenue – Hosted by Barbara Serghini
 East Green Street – Hosted by the Stanton family



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!!!

DE-MD Synodical Women of the ELCA – 2012 Annual Retreat -

The DE-MD Synodical Women's Organization, Women of the ELCA, will be having their Annual Retreat at the Best Western Conference Center in Westminster on September 21, 22 and 23, 2012. The theme will be "Proclaiming the Story" and the Bible Study leader will be Linda Chinnia, Assistant to the Bishop. The retreat is tentatively scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 21 and ends at 12 noon on Sunday, September 23.

Registration fees vary depending on the amount of time spent at the event. Registration form and \$30 deposit are due no later than June 30 with the balance due on September 1. For details and registration forms, please see Helen Englar or stop by the church office.

Summer Classic Book Study

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer will be read this summer by those who enjoy a classical book study. Books are available in the church office or by seeing Pastor Martha on a Sunday morning. The cost of the book is \$8.50.

The Classic Book Study begins on Thursday, June 28 and runs for 6 weeks on Thursday evening's beginning at 7:00. Please prepare for the June 28 session by reading the Introduction and Part I. 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 of the book published by Touchstone.

The session will be led by Amy Bittner and 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!

June Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2012

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012

7:30 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
6:00 pm Ballet Class (FH)
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, JUNE 5, 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, JUNE 6, 2012

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (108)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (LGS)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (108)
7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012

9:00 am Red Cross Adult/Pediatric CPR/AED Training (108)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
6:00 pm Young Adult Group Meeting (101A/101B)

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
7:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
7:00 pm Connect Bible Study (108)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA 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

June Calendar of Events (continued)

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
 5:45 pm Frederick Keys Baseball Game (Carroll St. Lot)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)
 5:00 pm Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp Meeting (FH)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012

9:00 am Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp (Various Rooms Used)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 6:00 pm Ballet Class (FH)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012

9:00 am Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp (Various Rooms Used)
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (LGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012

9:00 am Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp (Various Rooms Used)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner and Song (FH)
 7:00 pm Connect Bible Study (108)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012

9:00 am Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp (Various Rooms Used)
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
 7:00 pm Summer Bonhoeffer Book Study (108)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
 9:00 am Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp (Various Rooms Used)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

(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

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July Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2012

7:30 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, JULY 2, 2012

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

TUESDAY, JULY 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, JULY 4, 2012

4th OF JULY HOLIDAY –

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries (107 – Room Change)
 7:00 pm Summer Bonhoeffer Book Study (108)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2012

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

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

July Calendar of Events (continued)

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012

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

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (LGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 7:00 pm Connect Bible Study (L – Room Change)
 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (108)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (107)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
 7:00 pm Summer Bonhoeffer Book Study (108)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2012

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

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (St. Paul's UCC)
 5:00 pm Vacation Bible Camp (Various Rooms)
 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, JULY 17, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Vacation Bible Camp (Various Rooms)
 7:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (107)

(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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:00 pm Vacation Bible Camp (Various Rooms)
 7:00 pm Connect Bible Study (108)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012

5:00 pm Vacation Bible Camp (Dutterer Park)
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Summer Bonhoeffer Book Study (108)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Bob Evans)
 5:00 pm Vacation Bible Camp (Various Rooms)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 6:00 pm Ballet Class (FH)
 6:00 pm WELCA Picnic (Babylon's)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner and Song (FH)
 7:00 pm Connect Bible Study (108)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Summer Bonhoeffer Book Study (108)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (Clementson's)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2012

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

July Calendar of Events (continued)

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2012

Adult Mission Trip to Schoharie, NY

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)

9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)

10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

(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

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2012

Adult Mission Trip to Schoharie, NY

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)

6:00 pm Ballet Class (FH)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2012

Adult Mission Trip to Schoharie, NY

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)

7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (LGS)

Compassion International Child Letter

February 29, 2012

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church SS classes:

Hello. How are you and your family doing? My family and I are doing well. I'm glad for this chance of writing to you again. It is ending our winter season here. What is the season there? There will be final examination soon. Please pray for my exams. It is my final exams and I will promote to the higher level if I pass all exams. Do you have any prayer requests?

On February 14th, there was Valentine's Day celebration at my school. It is the day of Love. I share my love to my beloved parents and friends. I have got many bar of chocolate with my friends. Is there celebrate on Valentine's Day in your country?

On Saturdays, I regularly attend project activities and Sunday school class. I join in worship; sing a praising song, memorizing the Bible verses. Are there many activities for any children in your church? God bless you and your family with happiness.

Your child in Christ, Onuma Janpakdee

(Translated by Rotmay) – Received letter on May 8, 2012

Thursday Evening Book Club

This summer we will be reading *The Secret Life of Bees*. Amazon describes the book this way: "Sue Monk Kidd's ravishing debut novel has stolen the hearts of reviewers and readers alike with its strong, assured voice. Set in South Carolina in 1964, *The Secret Life of Bees* tells the story of Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily's fierce-hearted "stand-in mother," Rosaleen, insults three of the town's fiercest racists, Lily decides they should both escape to Tiburon, South Carolina—a town that holds the secret to her mother's past. There they are taken in by an eccentric trio of black beekeeping sisters who introduce Lily to a mesmerizing world of bees, honey, and the Black Madonna who presides over their household. This is a remarkable story about divine female power and the transforming power of love—a story that women will share and pass on to their daughters for years to come."

Discussion of the book will take place in the church library on June 14, June 28, and July 12. The study begins at 7:00 p.m. We will gather at Pastor Martha's house on Thursday evening, July 26 to watch the movie and enjoy dessert together.

Books are available for \$10 each by stopping in the church office during the week or seeing Pastor Martha on Sunday morning.

June Worship Leaders & Assistants

JUNE 2-3, 2012

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Dena Hodges

9:00 am – Kathy Rehak

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

Ushers: Randy Bachtel, Linwood Van Horn, Brian Sherfey, Barbara Serghini

10:30 am – Charlie Beckhardt

JUNE 9-10, 2012

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Susan Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Ted Forman, Al Law, Sheila Law, John Yarish, Janet Harrison

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

10:30 am – Kara Schuster, **Reader:** Elissa Streaker

JUNE 16-17, 2012

5:00 pm – Pat Goldberg

7:45 am – Susan Tabatsko

9:00 am – Laura Heller

Communion Assistants: Sharon Glass, Taylor Glass Button, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Greg Hare

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

10:30 am – Florence Bastien

JUNE 23-24, 2012

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

7:45 am – Evelyn Babylon

9:00 am – Paul Whitson

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

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

10:30 am – Viera Sabol, **Reader:** Anna Tschiegg



June

SANCTUARY –
Doris Hare & Viera Sabol

GRACE HALL –
Cyndy Beckhardt

July Worship Leaders & Assistants

JUNE 30-JULY 1, 2012

5:00 pm – Kay Betz

7:45 am – Pat Goldberg

9:00 am – Michele Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling, Kim Eckenrode, Chad Plendl, Bill Comegna

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

10:30 am – Rich Schuster

JULY 7-8, 2012

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss and Maddie Lichtfuss

7:45 am – Dena Hodges

9:00 am – Pete Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Sue Roach, Pete Morano, Dottie Morano, Janet Bowersox, Don Hodges

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

10:30 am – Greg Hare

JULY 14-15, 2012

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Rachel Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Greg Hare, Doris Hare, Sandra Harrison, Ginny Beazley, Andy Beazley

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

10:30 am – Charlie Beckhardt, **READER:** Jake Beckhardt

JULY 21-22, 2012

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner

7:45 am – Susan Tabatsko

9:00 am – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Stacey Tanzey, Taylor Glass Button, Al Law, Sheila Law, Sharon Ramsey

Ushers: Randy Bachtel, Linwood Van Horn, Brian Sherfey, Barbara Serghini

10:30 am – Kara Schuster

JULY 28-29, 2012

5:00 pm – Pat Goldberg

7:45 am – Evelyn Babylon

9:00 am – Craig Giles

Communion Assistants: Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Janet Harrison, Erin Sherlock, Matt Sherlock

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

10:30 am – Florence Bastien



July

SANCTUARY – Barbara Croft & Jean Yeakel

GRACE HALL – Janet Harrison

June Birthdays

June 1

Becker, Tony
Bergevin, Zander
Weddle, Kersti

June 2

Buttner, Thomas
Landy, Randy
Sabol, Stephen
Schlerf, Fred
Wimmer, Morgan

June 3

Barger, Inez
Eckenrode, Kimberly
Hoppe, Thomas
Myers, Andrew
Norris, Denny
Shimoda, Alison

June 4

Geiman, Betty
Gilbart, Katherine

June 5

Smith, Alex
Vengroski, Kelly
Wright, Hailey

June 6

Darby, Brad
Michael, Nancy
Suder, Andrew
Thimsen, Arthur

June 7

Charnley, Rebecca
Comegna, Jason
Crews, Nancy
Shrader, Wade

June 9

Bream, Lindsay
DeRita, Nick
Green, Helen
Ramsey, David
Schaeffer, F. David
Schreyer, Joe
Selby, Bonnie
Thomas, Ann
Weishaar, Kathy

June 10

Fernandez, Roldolfo
Keefer, Sheilah
Monka, Johanna

June 11

Allred, Emily
Shultz, Debi
Snyder, Riley

June 12

Arbaugh, Darrin
Bitzel, Nick
Giles, Craig
Hadden, Joyce

June 13

Byers, Caroline
Simms, Linda
Smith, Phyllis
Steers, John
Williams, Allison

June 14

Eppler, Riley
Hood, James

June 15

Connelly, Riley
DeCosmo, Megan
Utz, Arlin

June 16

Cook, Donna
Eyler, Stacey
Futrell, Miriam
Hodges, Dena
Mickey, Janet
Vietz, Sigrid

June 18

Clementson, Beth
Fullerton, Natalie
Gladden, Gillian
King, Sydney
Martin, Steven

June 19

Hadden, Grant
Hadden, Glen
Helm, Hattie
Ramsburg, Joanne
Wisner, Carl

June 20

Krempin, Ken

June 21

Boone, Norma
Martin, Brynn
Meyers, Donald

June 22

Baker, Meghan
Black, Bertha
Bridgeman, Robert
Rehak, Robert
Stiles, Allison

June 23

Cappiello, Ralph

June 24

Frebershauser, Lauanne
Green, Jason

June 25

Flanagan, Virginia
Hood, Asheigh
Kurland, Anne
Lang, Richard
Ways, Duncan
Whitson, Paul

June 26

Campanello, Joette
Lady, Kevin
Lichtfuss, Robert
McGrath, Joan
Schoenberger, Scott

June 27

Kozlowski, Nicholas

June 28

Fryatt, Logan
Schubert, Susan
Selby, Adam
Wentz, Ronald

June 29

Gray, Maxwell
Gray, Broderick
Meil, Linda

June 30

Blomster, Shelly
Caple, Nicole



July Birthdays

July 1

Beckhardt, Jacob
Erikson, Sarah
Magee, Kathy
Van Horn, Elizabeth
Whitson, Constance

July 2

Bancroft, Ashlyn
Borleis, Caroline
Logue, Brandon
Stanton, Timothy
Suther, Anneliese
Thimsen, Clara

July 3

Alisauckas, Megan
Brynes, Andrew
Hoff, Ian
Murphy, Harold
Rainey, Ruby

July 4

Duncan, Kristina
Huffman, Timothy
Shue, Antoinette

July 5

Duncan, Delilah
Frebershauser, Robert
O'Brien, JoAnne
O'Brien, Donald
Roys, Evelyn
Zielske, Ann

July 6

Leister, Jean
Zielske, Gregory

July 7

Alisauckas, Ryan
Futrell, Dennis
Houck, Robert
Kozlowski, Thomas
Sherfey, Kayla

July 8

Beazley, Ginny
Rudolph, Ann
Terry, Hailey
Tobery, Gordon

July 9

Baust, Karyn
Schuchardt, Kimberly
Wildesen, John

July 10

Goldberg, Patricia
Heuchert, Jaeda
Jenkins, Jean
O'Brien, Sean

July 11

Gretz, Ryan
Marley, Jim

July 12

Arbaugh, David
Fuhrman, Nina
Hoff, Shirley

July 13

Bachtel, Brooks
Leiby, Rita
Myers, Warren
Sherlock, Matthew
Taylor, Norma
Vengroski, Julianne
Vengroski, Ian
Weaver, Payton

July 14

Cooke, Christopher
Cooke, Alexander
Haines, Brenda
Haines, Richard
Moreland, Paige

July 15

Barnes, Cathy
Border, Debra
Smith, Ellen
Ulsch, Edward

July 16

Bowers, Reagan
Brennan, Deborah
Fourhman, William
Fryatt, Olivia

July 17

Lentzner, Kyle
Meyers, Donald
Schuchardt, Jessica

July 18

Beaver, Reagan
McGinnis-Ensor, Ruth

July 19

Dowling, Nathan
Long, D. LaRue
Ridder, Susan

July 20

Gladden, Gregory
Lewis, Heather

July 21

Buckingham, Tivis
Reilly, Judy

July 22

Allred, Corey
Crews, Dan
Gray, Brian
Hasson, Helen
Lentzner, Cheryl
Null, Deb
Schuster, Richard

July 23

Hall, Bernice
Hoffman, Nancy
Walsh, Rachel
Weisgerber, Ronald

July 25

Gesell, Shoko
Hertsch, Katie
Hiatt, James
Johnson, Colt
Shrader, Janet
Tschiegg, Rick

July 26

Bowers, Eurith
Cooper, Diane
Mens, Joseph

July 27

Combs, Welsey
Fairchild, Rachel
Walsh, Maddy

July 28

Ford, Marcia
Gerting, David
Hadden, Heather
Hoppe, Linda
Tracey, Stephanie

July 29

Myers, Donald
Schroeder, Buddy

July 30

Chaney, Rich
Tanzey, Jesse
Tanzey, Mark
Tyler, Rick

July 31

Hegg, Trevor
Moores, Mary
Roys, Robert
Schreyer, Lauren
Shimoda, Donna
Steers, Rachel



LEGACY Circle of Grace

by Ed Leister



We are pleased to announce that several congregation members have joined LEGACY Circle of Grace. It is our desire to promote "Asset Stewardship" which is the gifting of accumulated, inherited, or appreciated resources. Estate planning assures that desires and goals of the distribution of your accumulated assets are met in your will as drawn by your attorney. Your gift is a link from the present to assure the continuation of the future for Grace Lutheran Church, its mission and its programs.

The capital provided by past congregation members has made possible the faculties that you are privileged to worship in today. When your assets are distributed upon your death, there are only three beneficiaries: The government for taxes, your heirs, and charities of your choice. In Christian service, Planned Giving is more than just two words. It is the Christian way of life. Matthew 10:8 states: "...Freely you have received, freely give." Our booklet "IF SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN, How to Organize Your Financial and Legal Affairs" will provide an excellent place for all your data. You do not have to become a member of LEGACY Circle to receive this booklet. It is a gift from the Stewardship Committee to aid all our members with their finances.

Contact the Pastors or any committee member of LEGACY Circle of Grace to answer any questions you may have or for additional information.

A Legacy Tested by Fire

submitted by Ed Leister

Great effort had gone into the building of Grace Lutheran Church just after the end of the Civil War. The small group of 22 members who initiated the construction program must have been well satisfied when the church opened in 1868. They had erected a church that was much needed in Westminster and that would surely have an impact for generations.

Little did they know that their efforts would soon be turned into rubble. For only 15 years after its opening, Grace would be consumed in the Great Fire of Westminster and reduced to an empty shell.

Despair must not have lasted for more than a moment. Within days the congregation began fundraising for a new church. They salvaged bricks from the fire and reconstructed the parsonage. The pastor moved back into the home only 5 months after the blaze. And it took only 1 ½ years to rebuild the church.

Today you can stand at the front of our historic church and see two cornerstones: one on the left dated 1866 to commemorate the building of the original church; another one on the right dated 1883 to commemorate the erection of its replacement.

These stones represent the legacy given to us by our congregational ancestors: a beautiful church building and a determination to assure that the work of God continues in this place.

Personal Notes

Baptized into the Body of Christ:

4/29/12 – Parker Reed Drgos, son of Richard and Laura Drgos

4/29/12 – Sullivan Joseph Gray, son of Brian and Rebecca Gray

4/29/12 – Zachary Stewart Hebden, son of Mark and Erika Hebden

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, Alexandra Alvarez, 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, Barbara Plendl, Elizabeth Reinhard, Carol Riggleman, Elizabeth Rollings, Frank and Ruth Wachter, Nancy Wilson, John Yarish

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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**Christ in Our Home
Booklets**

A new quarter of Christ in Our Home booklets will be available toward the middle to end of June for **July-August-September 2012**. These books will be available in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces, in the several of the literature racks and in the church office.