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Deadline for *September*

**Grace Notes is Tuesday,
August 14. 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/)**

Celebrating Ministry

It is difficult to find the right words to say “thank you” for such a wonderful and thoughtful celebration of our 30th Anniversaries of Ordination. We were truly touched by the many dimensions of the surprise celebration planned for us. We will remember with love the arrival of our family here in Westminster and the precious days spent with them. We rejoice that you chose to honor us with seminary scholarships for those who now take their place in the procession of women and men responding to God’s call to serve the church as pastors and rostered lay leaders.

The anniversary celebration was in many ways a recognition of the splendid match between pastors and congregation that God created by calling together the Clementsons and Grace Lutheran Church. What we truly celebrated was the joy that pastors and congregation have experienced in our work and service together in these last four and a half years.

The celebration that you initiated has caused us to do a lot of talking and reflecting on our 30 years of ordained ministry, especially the most recent chapter which has been spent with you. Although four and a half years is not really a long time period, our time together has been fairly intense! Together with you we’ve undertaken the process of healing after significant congregational conflict. We’ve worked together to define the vision and mission that we believe God has called us to be about in this time and place. We’ve faced the storm brought about by a significant decision in our denomination to allow persons in same gender relationships to be considered for ordained ministry. We’ve struggled together to get a handle on how to financially maintain active ministry while paying down a huge debt after the departure of a significant portion of congregational members who voted to take on that large debt. When you look at the list, it is apparent that our time together has been short but intense!!

The celebration reinforced for us how blessed we are to have been called to serve as Co-Senior Pastors here at Grace. “Building relationships with God and community,” the brief version of our mission statement, is an accurate description of who we are *together*. As a faith community, we strive to include people of all age groups in our ministry. We readily reach out locally and globally to meet the needs of people. We are paying more and more attention to caring for one another with respect and compassion in the midst of our differences. Yes, we are all truly blessed to be a part of the church family here at Grace.

We give you our deepest thanks for caring for us at this milestone in our ministry as ordained pastors. Please, please, continue to partner with us so that together we will see that this faith community remains strong for future witness and service to our Lord. Your generous offerings, even in these financially difficult times, are needed to carry out the commitments made by our faith community. Your presence in worship, learning, fellowship and service encourages not just us,

but our entire church family. Please join us in giving thanks to Almighty God for blessing us all with the opportunity to be a part of Christ's body at work in the world through Grace Lutheran Church.

Pastor Kevin Clementson and Pastor Martha Clementson



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development



While the traditional choirs do take some well-deserved R & R during the summer months, things are still quite busy in the music world at Grace. During July and August the Music Room bulletin boards get cleared and re-vamped, the floor gets cleaned, choir robes get dry-cleaned, new music is ordered and gets filed, choir anthems are planned through Christmas, and weekly special music soloists rehearse and perform at worship.

Some new things to watch out for include a music bulletin board on the stairwell wall leading up to the Music Room and photos and descriptions of each of our musical ensembles added to our website.

If you have musical ability, a fine way to contribute to the life of our church would be to join one of our vocal or instrumental ensembles. If you are worried about time commitment, know that the Festival Choir only meets for about 6 weeks for Christmas. Also, the Christmas Band only meets for about 4 weeks. The other choirs run more continuously but the commitment can be organized into shorter goals. Please consider being a part of the music life at Grace!

Rehearsals are beginning next month!

- Wednesday, September 5 at 5:45pm – Luther Choir (grades 1-6) begins rehearsals in the Music Room.
- Thursday, September 6 at 7pm – Chancel Choir begins rehearsals in the Music Room.
- Monday, September 10 at 7pm – Agape Handbell Choir begins rehearsals in the Music Room.

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Saturday, August 11 at 5pm – Elaine Conover will be performing at worship in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, August 12 at 7:45am and 10:30am – Elaine Conover will be performing at worship in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, August 26 at 10:30am – Gretchen Dix will be performing at worship in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, August 26 at 10:30am – James Lightner will be performing at worship in the Sanctuary.
- Wednesday, December 5 at 10am – Annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 16 at 3pm – Luther and Festival Choirs, with Soloists, Instrumentalists, and Narrators, will be performing our annual Christmas Cantata in Grace Hall.

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



Registration

We continue to accept registrations for the 2012/2013 school year. We have limited openings in most of our classes except for the MWF three-year olds. Please call the preschool office for more information.

Preschool Reopens Soon

The preschool staff will begin on August 20 with the students returning on September 4. Currently we have 98 students registered for the upcoming school year. Our preschool hours for the 2012/2013 school year will be 9:00-12:00 with a pre-K four-year old class attending from 9:00-2:00.

Dining Out

Once again we plan to offer opportunities this year for dining out nights to help raise monies for the scholarship fund. This past school year we were able to raise almost \$800 through our dining out evenings. We have tried to continue these through the summer months. We are appreciative of all the Grace members who participated in our fundraising events.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Once again we will sell tickets for a discount shopping pass to Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event on Tuesday, October 16. The shopping passes will entitle you to a 25% discount on many items; this year's shopping pass is only valid on Tuesday, October 16. The monies raised will benefit the LFOG scholarship fund; in the past we have raised \$500-\$600 through this event. More details will follow in the weekly announcements.

A Special Request from the Historical Society ... Can You Help?

by Anita Erb

Help! I recently received an inquiry from the Historical Society of Westminster about the kindergarten program that was here at Grace in 1969. If you have any information about this program please call me in the preschool office at 410-848-7020 ext. 113 or email me at aerb@gracelc.org. Specifically they are looking for a picture of a production of Alice in Wonderland by the kindergarten class in 1969. Thank you for your help!!

New Director of Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministry

We are very pleased to welcome Leanne Elliott as our new Director of Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministry. After a thorough search process, the Search Committee interviewed three very good candidates. It was the unanimous decision of the Search Committee to extend an invitation to Leanne to join our staff here at Grace.

Leanne is a recent graduate of Trinity Lutheran College in Everett, Washington where she majored in Children, Youth and Family Studies. She interned at Salem Lutheran Church in Mount Vernon, WA and with Youth for Christ in Snohomish, WA. Leanne has served as a volunteer for Youth for Christ and as a volunteer at this year's ELCA Youth Gathering. She is from Brookhaven, PA where as a youth and young adult she was very active in her home congregation and in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

Leanne will begin her ministry here at Grace on August 1.

**Heifer International**

As of July 23, 2012, the balance of the Heifer International Fund is \$1,213.39.



Columbarium Landscaping to Begin in August

During August, you will see improvements being made to the Columbarium at Grace Lutheran Church. Under the direction of Clyde Hirt, landscaping and a seating area will be added to the Columbarium which is located at the corner of Carroll Street and Kemper Avenue. The work is being paid for from the Columbarium Fund (created by the sale of columbarium niches) and the Meyers Garden Fund. No current or capital funds will be used for this project.

As you look at pre-planning arrangements for your death, please consider the Grace Lutheran Columbarium for your final resting place. Upgrades to the Columbarium demonstrate the congregation's long-term commitment to make this a beautiful and peaceful place for people whose faith has been nurtured and celebrated through Grace Lutheran Church. The Columbarium is currently available to members and close relatives of the members of Grace.

The cost of a niche on our columbarium for an individual is \$1,000; for a couple the cost is \$1,500. At the time of death, there is an opening fee of \$50 and the cost of engraving. Packets of information and application materials are available in the church office. If you have questions, please feel free to speak with one of the pastors.

A drawing of the planned improvements is located in the Lower Gathering Space.



Grace Boomers Sponsor Annual Crab Feast

**Sunday, August 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Evelyn Babylon's home
131 Willis Street, Westminster, MD 21158**

Cost:

\$15.00 per Person for all the crabs you can eat
as well as hamburgers and hot dogs and iced tea

What to bring:

A salad or a dessert to share, your own beverage (i.e. soda, beer, etc.),
and crab mallets, if you have some

Who is Invited:

Grace Boomers is a social gathering of people who are generally ages 40 – 60+. As always, the Boomers welcome adults of all ages. We especially welcome people who are new to our congregation and have not attended a previous event sponsored by the Boomers!

Please RSVP:

Either by signing an RCR card at worship or by calling Cathy Barnes 410-875-4291

Payment:

Please make all checks out to Cathy Barnes - that money will be used to buy the crabs.

Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar



Forty-two (42) pints of blood were collected at the blood drive held in July at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Thanks to all who donated. The next blood drive will be held at Grace on Monday, September 17.

Save the Date ... Rally Day, 2012 ... Sunday, September 9

10:00 am	All Grace Worship Service
11:00 am	Visit your child's Sunday School Classroom to meet the teacher(s) and hear about what your child will be learning this year
11:30 am or so	Special Congregational Luncheon....pork roast and all the trimmings!!

Because we are having fresh pork, roasted just for us, we need to have a count of people attending, so we will be selling tickets during August for this event. The cost is \$5 per child and \$8 per adult with no more than \$26 for any one family. (If you buy the tickets at the door, the cost will be \$8 per child and \$10 per adult.)

During August, we will be registering students of all ages for Sunday school. Tables will be set up in the Upper Gathering Space before and after the 9 o'clock services on August 5, 12, 19. Parents, please stop by to review your child's registration form and get them registered for this school year. Adults, please stop by to register for adult classes as well. Everyone who registers for Sunday school in August will receive \$1 off their ticket price for the Rally Day luncheon.

Watch for more details about Rally Day and the upcoming Sunday school Year.....



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Well, the 'dog days of summer' are close at hand and there isn't much water left to swim in, let alone enough rain for the corn and tomatoes you all look forward to. I must be lucky because I get some of my fluids from just eating juicy bugs and small fish. How many of you are on public water? If you are, you're fortunate. Even if you have to pay more, at least you can get wet when you want to. Those people on a well have to depend on the rains to soak the ground and penetrate to the well depths required. I've even been told that some homes have to drill a second well and sometimes have nitrogen dumped into their wells to open additional wet areas just to get life giving water; think about it.

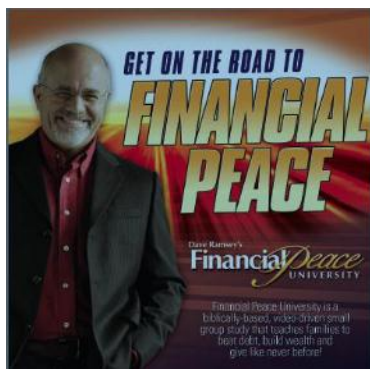
I understand that Grace, your church, is participating with other churches in the ELCA on the 100 wells project. From what I heard, the goal is to drill 100 wells in drought stricken areas around the world. I used to wonder why they just didn't dig wells and everyone would have water instead of walking for miles and then having to settle for what you wouldn't drink let alone wash yourself or clothes in. Then I discovered that one of the biggest problems in drilling any well is the fact that the saltwater table is present in a lot of these countries and the fresh drinkable water is very, very deep. Seems like a lot of work for a well doesn't it, but each new well will serve 500 families. How many families do you and your well take care of? Check out this neat computer site for additional information at <http://elca.org/100wells> and listen as you watch.

The children at Vacation Bible Camp already collected a lot of change to help. Now we are asking the congregation in general to join in during the next few weekends. There will be two areas for donations, the Sanctuary and Grace Hall. Please see if you can spare your loose change, who knows, they may even take dollar bills. The efforts you make now may even bring some peace to troubled families and communities that don't have that faucet you have so handy.

Stay cool and drink plenty of water,

Timmy

Let's Get Out of Debt!



Grace Lutheran Church will again be offering the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Program this fall. Over 12,000 classes across the country are being conducted in churches, community centers, and schools this fall. We invite you and your family to take part in this proven program. This course is a biblically-based program that helps you get control of your life and your money. Debt is something we all know too well, but it doesn't have to be something that controls our lives and our giving.

Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 16, 2012** from **2:00-4:30pm** and **will last 9 weeks**. Please register by September 4 so we can get the needed materials. The program will be conducted here at Grace. There will be a **free preview class** if you'd like to learn more on **Sunday, August 12 at 2:00pm**. It is open to all those interested.

This year there will be **all NEW materials, with updated information that relates to the current economy** and the financial situation most people find themselves in. Last year 26 families graduated from this class with knowledge of how to handle everyday financial challenges as well as a new outlook during hard times, not to mention, tools to create their own financial freedom for years to come. Look for registration forms on the website and in the weekend announcements during the upcoming weeks.

For more information please contact: **Andy Myers (Class Coordinator/Teacher)** at Andrew@getthatpart.com or call **410-320-4058**.

To register for these sessions contact: **Sheilah Keefer (Financial and Membership Secretary)** at skeef@gracelc.org or call the church office at **410-848-7020**.

Online Giving is Now Available!



A new option is now available that allows you to make donations to the church through online giving. Go to the Church website (www.gracelc.org) and you will find a link that will allow you to setup an account to make online donations to Grace Lutheran Church. This site offers several options for one time donations paid by credit card or through your bank account. You can also set up a reoccurring payment so that your regular stewardship is automatically handled on your behalf. You can also take advantage of the Quick Response Code if you have a smartphone; this code will automatically take you online when you would like to make a special offering. You will also be able to donate the cost of the processing fee to help cover the cost of this additional service; this donated fee will be included in your record of giving. Questions? Please feel free to contact Pastor Kevin at 410-848-7020 or email him at kclementson@gracelc.org.

Save the Date ... Quiet Evenings ... Friday, October 5

by Sharon Glass

Quiet Evenings: Sanctuary, Reflection, Spiritual Practice
Seasonal Offerings at Grace Lutheran Church

Friday, October 5, 6:30-8:30 pm

Look for more information and registration instructions in the weekly bulletins and the September Grace Notes.

Thanks for a Great Vacation Bible Camp!!



We had a fantastic Vacation Bible Camp this year. Focusing on Bible stories involving water, the kids had a great time with games, crafts, and science workshops that reinforced the Bible stories. Kids especially enjoyed the music workshop and participated with great enthusiasm as they learned songs that have been sung by children and adults for generations. Thank you to all of the adults and young adults who gave of their time to prepare for and lead this year's camp.

Planning Committee: Taryn Plendl, Nicole Mens, Joceyln Spreitzer, Jeniffer Pigeon and Pastor Martha

Shepherds and Assistant Shepherds: Ashley Kirby, Chad Plendl, Mandy Kent, Stacie Dowling, Adam Fairchild, Barbara Serghini, Shelby Dannenfeldt, Dustin

Saunders, Kendal Rippel, Sheilah and Jeff Keefer, Sophie Gilbert, Matthew Fairchild, and Megan Magers

Workshop Leaders and Assistants: Jeniffer Pigeon, Jocelyn and Bob Spreitzer, Karen Ganjon, Carrie Oddis, Mandy and Chris Gilbert, Viera Sabol, Tyler Snyder, Tyler Watkins, and Taryn Plendl

Kitchen: Barbara Plendl, Brianda Plendl, Diane Fogle, Sharon Glass, and Mike Button

Large Group Leaders: Pastor Kevin and Pastor Martha Clementson

Registrar: Nicole Mens

Photographer: Taylor Glass Button

Families with Young Children ... F.L.I.P. with us!!!

Families Living with Integrity and Purpose)

by Sheilah Keefer



On **August 12 at 3:00 pm**, F.L.I.P. is inviting you to join us for an afternoon of relaxation with other families that have young children. We all know all about the stresses and joys of everyday life and F.L.I.P. is committed to creating a safe and fun environment to relax, share stories, and let our children play while enjoying good food and each other's company. Our Kick-Off event will be **held at the Keefer's home at 2503 Old New Windsor Pike, New Windsor, MD 21776**. Please RSVP by RCR Card during weekend worship or by emailing Sheilah Keefer at skeefe@gracelc.org, Sarah Fullerton at sarah.fullerton@aol.com or Kristina Duncan at butterflybydesign@verizon.net



Grace Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

Attention Married Couples



Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again! That is what couples overwhelmingly report is the result of attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. **The fall Weekends are: September 14-16 at the beautiful Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center which is located in the Allegheny National Forest, 20 minutes southeast of Warren PA; and October 19-21 in the Poconos at the Mountain Laurel Inn in White Haven -- 2 hours north of Philadelphia.** Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus

toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Weekends are filling rapidly, so to register, simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up using your credit card; or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email fjschamber@comcast.net.

WELCA – School Kits

by Helen Englar

The Women of the ELCA of Grace will be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief on August 20 at 1:30 pm in the Library. Members of the congregation are welcome to help in this effort by putting donated items in the boxes in the gathering spaces.

Items needed for the school kits are as follows:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10½";
NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER PLEASE
- One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

Monetary donations toward materials and mailing are always appreciated. Checks should be made to Grace Lutheran Church and clearly marked for WELCA.

Lots of Love and Thanks for the Wonderful Reception

by Sheila Buttner Law

Thank you very much, dear congregation, council and pastors, for remembering my 25th Anniversary as an Associate in Ministry for the ELCA. I was overwhelmed by your greetings and presences on July 8.

Many years ago when I was serving Grace as Director of Christian Education, I decided I wanted to become an AIM and worked several years to achieve that. It was very satisfying to do so, but even better was to have the privilege of being on the staff at Grace from 1976 to 1990 and to witness the gifts that so many of you shared with our church.

We have a spirit-filled congregation, and I am blessed to be a part of it. Thank you again.

August Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 7:00 pm Connect Bible Study (T, FH, L)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:00 am Shepherd's Staff Anniversary Picnic (Carroll St. Lot)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 8:30 am Financial Peace Promo Time (UGS)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)
 11:30 am Cookies & Beverage (Carroll St. sidewalk)

MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012

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)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 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, AUGUST 8, 2012

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 6:00 pm New Member/Sponsor Picnic (Trinity Luth.)
 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (107)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2012

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 8:30 am Financial Peace Promo Time (UGS)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:00 pm Financial Peace Seminar Preview (T)

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012

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)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 6:30 pm Children's Chorus Parent Orientation (FH, T, UGS)
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 7:00 pm Connect Bible Study (T, FH, L)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders Meeting (Parlor)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 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)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2012

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 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

August Calendar of Events (continued)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 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)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
6:30 pm Children's Chorus Parent Orientation (FH, T, UGS)
7:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2012

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 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)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012

9:00 am Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED (108)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
8:30 am Financial Peace Promo Time (UGS)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 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 Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2012

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, AUGUST 29, 2012

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner and Song (FH)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 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)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2012

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

Personal Notes

Baptized into the Body of Christ:

7/21/12 – Clayton Arthur Langevin, son of Robert and Karen Langevin

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Virginia M. Good – June 1, 2012

Welcome Vicar Karin Albaugh

On August 1, we will welcome a new seminary intern to our staff for the next ten months. She is Karin Albaugh, a third year student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. She and her husband and children live in Frederick. Vicar Karin will work with us full time as a student pastor. She will be involved in a wide variety of pastoral ministries under the supervision of Pastor Kevin as she works toward ordination. We look forward to Vicar Karin's presence with us!

Personal Thank You Notes Received – Pastors' 30th Year Ordination Celebration

To the members of Grace Church Council,

We want to thank you all for your wonderful hospitality while we were in Westminster. Everything was so very nice and we were royally treated, transportation, housing and all was very much appreciated. We all understand why Kevin and Martha are happy in Westminster!

Sincerely,
Karen & Ed Wingate

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Dear Church Council and members of Grace Lutheran,

Thank you so much for including us in your wonderful celebration of the ordination of Pastors Martha and Kevin. We were very impressed with all the ways you showed how much you appreciated their work and leadership in your church. Everyone was so friendly and we felt like royalty the way we were treated during our visit. We had such a nice time and are so happy we were invited and that we were all able to attend. God bless you all as you continue to do His work.

Julie & Jon Clementson

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To the Church Council of Grace Lutheran Church,

My husband Don and I would like to thank you for the wonderful celebration you planned to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Kevin & Martha's ordination. The kindness and courtesy to our family was deeply appreciated. The hotel rooms, transportation and friendly smiles that were bestowed on us was very special. We enjoyed the Westminster welcome.

Again thank you,
Kathryn Mertz

Letter Received from Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane – Pastors' 30th Year Ordination Celebration

A copy of the letter received from Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane has been posted on the bulletin board in the Upper Gathering Space for you to read at your convenience.

Legacy Circle of Grace



The Stewardship Committee together with the Legacy Circle of Grace Committee welcomed 8 new Legacy Circle of Grace Members with several more in process. There have been several questions about the process.

Once the office receives a completed Legacy Circle of Grace form, a welcome letter on behalf of the Pastors and Church Council is mailed. This welcome letter also contains a Legacy Circle of Grace Permission Form to publish my/our names as listed together with a self-addressed postage paid return envelope. If you wish to remain anonymous you do not return the form and we will not publish your names.

Both those who allow us to publish as well as those who wish to remain anonymous will receive an invitation to our annual dinner and receive their remembrance wood replica of Grace Lutheran Church.

We have received questions of how you can become a member and welcome those inquiries. There are several ways to become a member. We have listed some.

A will naming a gift of Cash, Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Real Estate etc.

A Beneficiary Product (Life Insurance, IRA, Retirement Account, etc.).

Grace Lutheran Church wants to be sure we are moving forward and making decisions that keep us relevant to all our congregation members. We want you to understand the importance of your financial generosity to the church. Stewardship is not about asking for money, it is about sharing a vision for everything we do together in God's name and inviting you to be a part of it. We encourage you to think about when the time comes for Grace Lutheran Church to carry on its ministries without you and your weekly support. Even when the outlook is uncertain there is strength in members who join together to plan for the future.

Legacy Circle of Grace – The Stoner's Family Surprise

by George Conover

By all accounts, Margaret & Isaac were just ordinary people. They were plain people, not folks who would stand out in a crowd. Their appearance and manner were modest; simple clothing worn by simple folks.

They must have been members of the church forever. They always seemed to be around. They were pleasant, but rather quiet and unassuming nice people.

Isaac passed away first. Then in 1993 Margaret also passed. The rest of us knew we would miss a couple of our senior members.

But then came the surprise. Isaac and Margaret had decided to leave a legacy to Grace Lutheran Church. That was not the surprise, but rather the magnitude of the gift.

These two lovely people, who looked like they maybe had just enough money to get by, had left Grace Lutheran Church \$302,000! They made their intentions clear: one share of the money was to go to the Lutheran Church Women, one to the Property Committee, one to The Benevolence Fund, and one share unrestricted.

Part of the money was used to convert the Parsonage from a living space into offices. That building continues to bear the same of the Stoners.

The Stoners chose a simple lifestyle far below their economic means. They decided that giving was more satisfying than spending. And their generosity will always be remembered.

August Worship Leaders & Assistants

AUGUST 4-5, 2012

5:00 pm – Laura Heller

7:45 am – Craig Giles

9:00 am – Ron Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Ann Thomas, Rich Chaney, Chad Plendl, Al Law, Sheila Law

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

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

AUGUST 11-12, 2012

5:00 pm – Kay Betz

7:45 am – Al Doermann

9:00 am – Kathy Rehak

Communion Assistants: Ted Forman, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Erin Sherlock, Amelia Dowling

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

10:30 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

AUGUST 18-19, 2012 – (Supply)

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss, Maddie Lichtfuss

7:45 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

9:00 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

Communion Assistants: Laura Heller, Ron Fairchild, Pete Tabatsko, John Yarish, Sharon Glass, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp

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

10:30 am – Rich Schuster

AUGUST 25-26, 2012

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman, Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Dena Hodges

9:00 am – Laura Heller

Communion Assistants: Alyson Guerra, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling, Kim Eckenrode, Chad Plendl

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

10:30 am – Florence Bastien, **Reader:** Elissa Streaker



August

SANCTUARY –

Barbara Croft & Jean Yeakel

GRACE HALL –

Nancy Suder

August Birthdays

August 1

Kurland, Robert
Landy, Barbara
Vernon, Kyle

August 2

Lewis, Jennifer
Vogt, Helen

August 3

Baker, Ian
Hadden, Earl
Harper, Tristan
Leutner, Julia
Morrow, Linda
Rutzebach, Andrea

August 4

Crews, Sarah
Degitz, Doug
Forman, Ben
Hertsch, Gary
Schuster, Kara
Selby, Allison

August 5

Hood, Novella

August 6

Dorsey, Carol
Hoff, Nicholas
Meinecke, Gregory
Rasnack, Brittany

August 7

Daumant, Linda
Drumgoole, Sue

August 8

Bowersox, Claire
Brynes, Patrick
Comegna, Bill
Dowling, Stacie
Moore, John

August 9

Davis, Doug
Fieni, Danielle
Gardner, Marisa
Spreitzer, Acton

August 10

Baker, Collin
Conaway, Aspen
Darby, Paul
DeCosmo, Lindsey
Steers, Amanda

August 11

Arbaugh, Angela
Bair, Gloria
Gray, Rebecca
Holmes, Christopher
Meehan, Shane
Rosenberg, Lillian
Schaffer, Debbie
Schlerf, Betty
Stonesifer, Denise

August 12

Connelly, Parker
Drechsler, Dorothy
Liebno, Dick
Suder, Joseph

August 13

Hertsch, Joyce
Ludwig, Don
Schaeffer, Bobbye
Schubert, Jerome
Vadder, Michael

August 14

Clements, Richard
Hegg, Alea
Johnson, Andrea

August 15

Miller, Amanda
Nightingale, Darla
Norris, Michaelle
Plendl, Taryn
Rhodes, Lucas

August 16

Gretz, Joanne
Roth, Jennifer
Spears, Jennifer

August 17

Charnley, Theodore
Johnson, Bryan

August 18

Reitz, Gilbert

August 19

Brown, Charles
Cooper, John
Hebden, Zachary
Stoner, Karen

August 20

Blomster, Erik
Daumant, Marie
Green, Amanda
Hoff, Gabrielle
Shrader, Michelle

August 21

James, Catherine
Wildesen, Justin

August 22

Krichinsky, Jamie
Willet, Jesse

August 23

Crowl, Maddie
Ford, Tom
Morelock, Jessica
Schuchardt, Kasey
Tabatsko, Susan

August 24

Crews, Benjamin
Czarnowsky, Tyler
Smith, Jordan
Utz, Dorothy

August 25

Carbaugh, Jennifer
Marcellino, Anna
Sick, Michele
Simpson, Taylor
Smith, Alexander

August 26

Eckenrode, Mike
Gretz, Connor
Wisner, Doris

August 27

Aasen, Yvonne
Brennan, Katie
Dowling, Greg
Vadder, Henry
Winterstein, Jeanne
Yingling, Ginny

August 28

Bair, Peggy
Wimmer, Garrett

August 29

Hypes, Tasha
Lightner, James
Nevius, Evelyn

August 30

McGrath, Frank
Urban, Amanda

August 31

Gladden, Ally
Myers, Michael



Church & Village: Partners in Ministry

(As editor of this piece for nearly six years, I am retiring from CLV on July 6 and therefore wanted to send to the churches my farewell message. Thanks to the churches for their involvement. Hermine Saunders, Director of Church & Public Relations)

Seventy-one is fast approaching—time to begin a new phase of life. Working at the Village for the last 14+ years has been very rewarding—sounds like a cliché—except that I have been very glad to be part of furthering the vision and mission into the 21st century. Having been part of the very beginning of the Village when my mother served on the start-up committee from our church, having been on the Board of Trustees for 12 years through joy and adversity, having come to work here in 1998 at Michele Crew's request after going off the Board, and finally having moved here in 2004 with my mother, I have been part of the dream and ongoing fulfillment of goals of an organization that literally changes lives, brings health and happiness to many, and insures that caring is a ministry.

My position at the Village has been ideal for a former teacher who enjoyed watching young lives change into maturing adults setting out to change their world. Likewise at the Village, I have seen the continuing care retirement industry change and mature. The Village has often been in the forefront of visioning the future and leading the industry to better the lives of residents. In fact, in my various positions, I have often said, "Our Residents are our *raison d'être*," and overall have been pleased with the way the Village has demonstrated the same.

The visioning of the future is something I have always fostered, whether it was building more homes and apartments to serve more residents, whether it was building the chapel and assisted living for completing our continuum of care, whether it was developing programs that enriched lives and met needs, or whether it was developing the Return on Investment committee of residents to tell the Village story. A grassroots operation in the beginning, born out of the local conference of Lutheran churches and their lay people, Carroll Lutheran Village has maintained its "local color" of closeness and caring so important to a social ministry organization dependent upon relationship building into the community.

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE MEMBERSHIP FORM

I believe in the Mission of Carroll Lutheran Village and here is my additional gift:

- ☐ The Brotherhood Circle (to \$50)
- ☐ Partner's Circle (\$51—\$99)
- ☐ The Carroll Society (\$101—\$500)
- ☐ Asbury Club (\$501—\$999)
- ☐ Martin Luther Club (\$1,000 & up)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Membership fee enclosed ☐ \$5

Life Membership fee enclosed ☐ \$100

- ☐ **I would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Carroll Lutheran Village**
- ☐ **I would like to learn more about leaving Carroll Lutheran Village in my will**

All gifts are tax deductible and are for the benefit of *Carroll Lutheran Village*

Checks are payable to *Friends of the Village*
300 St. Luke Circle
Westminster, MD 21158

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: Marion Bauman, Brian Bowersox, Shirley Boyle, Dottie Clark, Tim Cooke, Rocky Davis, Millie Haenftling, Vaughn Ireland, Mary Krempin, Sandy Long, Wilda Miller, Ed Pinder, Anna Spittel, Connie Whitson, Linda Yingling

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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