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GRACE NOTES

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Deadline for **October**

**Grace Notes is Tuesday,
September 11. Please
email your news to Dawn –
dstem@gracelc.org or
stop by the office during
office hours (8:30 am to
3:30 pm).**

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Celebrating Grace's Ministry ...

Past, Present, and Future

The month of September offers two special occasions for members and friends of Grace Lutheran to celebrate our life together as the Body of Christ in the world. On September 9, Rally Day calls us back from our summer adventures to give thanks once again for the gifts that God has given to us, especially as we celebrate the Educational Ministries that support our growth in faith. Then on September 22-23, we will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate 145 years of faithful ministry here at Grace. I am writing to give you an overview of each event with the hope that you will want to participate in each...and invite a friend to attend with you!!

Rally Day

Rally Day – Sunday, September 9 – 10:00 All Grace Worship Service – This truly will be a time of joy and celebration. Included in the service will be the Installation of Leanne Elliott, our new Director of Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministry. Special guest preacher for the worship service will be The Rev. Ron Schlak, Assistant to the Bishop, Delaware-Maryland Synod. (Pastor Kevin and I have known Pastor Schlak for at least 25 years and know that prior to his service on our synod staff, he was a dedicated and effective parish pastor. I know you will enjoy his presence with us.)

Meeting the Teachers – Immediately following the worship service, families will have an opportunity to get an overview of our Sunday School program, beginning in the Sanctuary and moving on to the classrooms where you can meet the teachers. This part of the Rally Day program will last for approximately 30 minutes. During that time, adults who don't have children will have the opportunity to enjoy conversation with one another. What a great way to renew friendships and make new ones as well.

Pig Roast – Sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon, we will move into the lunch portion of Rally Day. A pig will have been roasted just for us and lots of sides will be served as well. We are selling tickets in order to cover the cost and have a fairly accurate count; however, you can attend on that day even if you haven't purchased a ticket earlier. This lunch is for people of all ages....it will be great fun, so we hope you will stay around for it. Games will be offered for the children after lunch.

Rally Day is the day which marks our coming together again from our various summer activities. We hope that you will want to be a part of all the joy and celebration of the day!

145th Anniversary

Speaking of celebrating...our celebration will continue on September 22-23 when we honor 145 years of ministry. (Grace Lutheran Church was chartered on September 23, 1867.) In addition to remembering the anniversary in our worship services (all four services will be held at their usual times), we will hold an Open House on Sunday afternoon from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. At the Anniversary Open House, we will have light refreshments, tours of the building, opportunity to place orders for Grace Lutheran Logo Polo Shirts, information about various ministries of the congregation, and time to enjoy chatting with one another. The Open House is open to the community. It would be a great time to invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member to come and see our wonderful church building. Even long-time members of Grace will enjoy the tour of the building...have you ever been underneath the bell tower???? Have you seen the double-decker class room in our preschool? What in the world is in Room 00???? Those are just a few of the fun stops on the tour! We invite you to stop by the church on Sunday afternoon, September 23, with a spirit of celebration because God has blessed us so richly here at Grace and we're glad you are part of Grace's legacy!

Finally, I'd like to invite you to share your memories and/or your appreciation for this wonderful congregation. Here in the newsletter, on the last page, is a form that I'd love to have you fill out and bring it on September 22 or 23 to worship and place it in the offering plate. We will use the stories and thoughts shared with us as we begin working toward the big milestone anniversary of 150 years.

In this day and age when so many congregations are struggling for survival, our congregation truly is blessed with many faithful members of all ages. Both Rally Day and the 145th Anniversary will be times that involved all of us...from the youngest to the oldest...including long-time members and those who are just getting involved. Please come and be part of the celebration....I'll be looking for you!!

Pastor Martha Clementson

A Journey of Faith

I wandered into a bookstore the other day and was looking through a rack of new publications. I intrigued by the title of a book by Joseph Loconte, The Searchers, A Quest for Faith in the Valley of Doubts. I had read no reviews on this book and was unfamiliar with the author. But as I perused the introduction of the book, these few sentences enticed me to make this book my next read; (speaking of Jesus) "Here was a rabbi whose knowledge of God and his kingdom seemed to emerge from deep within the collective genius and goodness of mankind. Hearing him teach was like being led on a fearsome voyage to a bright city at the far end of the world. To go with him meant great danger, yet to remain meant sadness and eternal regret." Loconte's metaphors for describing faith go in a very different direction. Too often we hear of faith as being a glorious arrival and bountiful and blessed life in which we find all our answers and solutions with a near wink of the faithful eye. Rather the author seems to be inviting his readers to explore the realities of life that are often filled with pain, hard choices and demands of our faith that we would rather not embrace.

The Church of the West has indeed fallen on hard times. Yes, there seem to be those churches that shine with glorious light that fill our vision with goodness and light. Tremendous efforts are often poured into Sunday morning productions that will leave the participants with a sense of the glorious presence of God's kingdom. But often these few exceptions mask the dismal reality that daily people are finding themselves further and further away from a lively and active faith life. I appreciated the reflection of one person from a recent conversation: "People are increasingly blind to the active presence of God in their lives and in the world around them." I think too people are afraid of what it might mean if they were to allow themselves to be led by the Holy Spirit into a life of faith. If Jesus is to be first in my life, then what does that have to say about the way I schedule my day and my week? If Jesus is my Lord and Savior, what does that have to say about how I allot my worldly resources and how I direct the skills and talents of my life? These are hard questions that confront us **IF** we are willing to allow such questions to find a place in our lives. I am reminded of how people act when a new committee is formed and

the inevitable question is asked; “who will act as secretary for our committee?” Suddenly everybody is intensely interested with carpet lint on the floor. I personally make it a habit of hiding tablet and pencil from plain view until someone, other than me, has been recruited. So it is with a life of faith; we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior just as long as it doesn’t mean changing our lifestyle or requiring us to make hard choices that may in some way cause personal hardship or sacrifice.

Loconte opens his book with a powerful image of faith being a ‘fearsome voyage’ but to turn from a life of faith or to reduce faith to merely those things that are personally convenient can result in a life filled with regret. There is no doubt that a life of faith will have its share of difficult choices and resulting consequences for choosing Christ in your life. Indeed there will be those

moments when living a life of faith will be that fearsome journey fraught with sacrifice, loss and inconvenience; yet there will also be that joy of living for Christ and not being enslaved by the things of this world. A life of faith will indeed be that walk with our eyes open that will allow us to see the amazing presence of God in our world and in our lives. Sadly the world is presently filled with such tremendous blindness that it can cause us to doubt the reality of our Lord and to fall prey to such doubts.

As our new program year begins, I hope you will take the opportunity through worship, study and service to the Lord to explore the wonders of faith and how we might live out such a life of faith not governed by fear but rather empowered by the Holy Spirit. A world in blind despair awaits your answer. Amen.

Pastor Kevin Clementson



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development



This month’s traditional music article begins with a sincere ‘Thank You’ to everyone who provided special music this summer. This includes James Lightner, Elaine Conover, Gretchen Dix, Dustin Oddis, and Carrie Oddis. Also, a big ‘Thank You’ goes out to Maggie Langdon who appeared as guest organist on the weekend of July 7-8.

Some new things to watch out for this fall include a music bulletin board on the stairwell wall leading up to the Music Room. The cartoon caricatures will be replaced by actual photos of each group as they are taken and developed. Also, photos and descriptions of each of our musical ensembles are being added to our website. So far we have the Luther Choir represented. More will follow. Finally have a look at the handbells when they next appear at service. They were sent back to the manufacturer this summer for their 10 year refurbishment. They look and sound absolutely wonderful!

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 and Sunday, September 22 & 23 at all Traditional Worship Services in the Sanctuary – Elaine Conover will be performing a solo in honor of the 145th anniversary of Grace. The Chancel Choir will also honor Grace by singing Brahms’ *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* at the 11:15 service.
- 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

A Greeting from the Director of Christian Education, Youth & Family Ministries

by Leanne Elliott

As a recent college graduate, I could not have asked for a better church of which to be a part! Everyone here at Grace has been so welcoming and I have appreciated the kindness I have received. I have one month under my belt and I look forward to many more! As the year kicks off, I am most excited about building relationships and getting to know everyone. I feel so blessed to be at Grace and I just wanted to take a moment to say "Thank You." If you have any questions or need anything from me, please do not hesitate to call [410.848.7020], text [443.821.4854], email [lelliott@gracelc.org], Facebook me, or just stop by my office; I love visitors☺!

Kids Night Out

This month's Kids Night Out will be a Movie Night **Friday September 28th** at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in their outdoor pavilion. The event will run from **6 p.m. until about 8:30 p.m.** We ask that you and your family bring a picnic-style dinner to eat. We will have a craft set up that the children can do, there is a playground, and plenty of field for running around! At 7 p.m. we will show our feature film **Despicable Me!** Join us and the families of Jerusalem for a night of fellowship! Remember to bring your **Blanket & Pillows!**

Legacy High School Youth Crab Feast

High School students join us for a night of fellowship with what else but CRAB!!!! **Saturday, September 22.** There will be food, a bon fire, and a whole lot of fun so I really hope to see you there! Look for more details in the weekly announcements beginning September 9th. And please feel free to text or call me 443.821.4854 [cell] or 410.884.7020 [office], or send me an email lelliott@gracelc.org with any questions.

Rally Day

It's that time! Rally Day is almost here! If you did not purchase your tickets yet, it is NOT too late; you can buy them at the door! We want to see you there **Sunday September 9** following the All Grace service for a Pig Roast, fellowship, and time to meet your Sunday School teacher. Also if you have not registered for Sunday School [Confirmation, High School Sunday School, or Adult Education], it is NOT too late; forms will be available at Rally Day.

Angel to Visit Grace Lutheran Church

by Don Myers

On Monday evening, October 1, at 7:00 p.m., a representative from Visiting Angels will be speaking in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Lutheran Church. This is a Stephen Ministry continuing education session that will be open to any member of our congregation to attend.

Visiting Angels is an organization that provides help to those who are in need of in-home care. Some of the services they provide include respite for family caregivers, light housekeeping, errands and shopping, joyful companionship, and meal preparation. Their services are available 24/7.

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



We are excited to start the 16th year of Little Friends of Grace on September 4, 2012. We currently have 105 students enrolled for the fall. The staff returned on August 20 and they are busily preparing their rooms for the orientations on August 29 and 30.

This year, we are extending our preschool hours by one-half hour; our school hours will be 9:00am-12:00pm. We also will be offering an extended day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for our pre-K 4's; this class will meet from 9:00am-2:00pm. We are excited about this new adventure for the preschool. We will also be utilizing the Grace Lutheran logo in our letterhead; it is our pleasure to be a ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.

We are still accepting registrations for the upcoming school year in some of our classes. If you know of someone who is looking for a quality preschool program, please give them our number. We appreciate the support and blessings of the Grace Lutheran congregation.

We plan to continue with our dining out evenings this year; this past school year we were able to raise \$800 for the scholarship funds through our dining out evenings. We also will be selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends tickets. Look for more information to come in the weekly announcements.

Homeless Resource Day in October

by Pat Goldberg

Carroll County Department of Social Services is organizing the 2nd Annual Homeless Resource Day on Saturday, October 6 at Winters Mill High School. The day brings together resources to assist our homeless population with an ultimate goal of achieving self-sufficiency. Along with many caring citizen groups, the Department is reaching out to churches for assistance. Last year 160 volunteers served over 200 homeless individuals, including 60 children. Here are two ways we can serve that day.

Making Covered Dishes. Prepared casseroles in foil trays (like we do for the Cold Weather Shelter) will be reheated for lunch.

Volunteering Time. Many different types of volunteers will be used: cutting hair, driving vans, serving food, etc. Since there will be many services offered that day, some volunteers will be guides to homeless individuals.

Please review the list and contact Pat Goldberg (410-857-6498, patriciadgoldber@aol.com) if you would like to help.

Brown Bag Bible Study

by Elissa Streaker



Who is my neighbor? In our multi-cultural society it's important to learn about our neighbors' faiths—Christian denominations, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism. Using the text *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* we will explore these issues in the light of today's world. Come to Carroll Lutheran Village. Join **Brown Bag Bible Study** on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 5, in 201 Activities Room at **noon**. Bring your lunch and your Bible.

Questions? Call Elissa Streaker, 410-848-2557

Quiet Evenings: Sanctuary, Reflection, Spiritual Practice

by Sharon Glass

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

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

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church Sanctuary

WHO: Quiet Evenings are for anyone (and open to the public) who wants to step away from the busyness of their life and be present with God

WHY: To listen and respond authentically to God's calling in your life away from life's distractions and interruptions

When was the last time you allowed yourself even a moment of quiet? Our days are filled with the busyness of life, running here and there to appointments, events, games, and just "doing" in general. We invite you to give yourself permission to let go of your responsibilities for a few hours, step outside the busyness of your life and be present with God in the moment, and listen and respond authentically to God's calling in your life.

"Quiet Evenings: Sanctuary, Reflection, Spiritual Practice" are seasonal offerings at Grace Lutheran Church. The first Evening will be held Friday, October 5, 6:30-8:30 pm. Our Evening will begin with a time of entering into a space with quiet music to join one another in a quiet gathering and letting go in the sanctuary. Pastor Martha Clementson will lead us in Lectio Divina, and there will be time for journaling and sharing. *A brief service of prayer will end our evening.

There is no fee (there will be a basket for donations), and we ask that you let us know that you will attend so we are able to plan accordingly. If you would like register for the first Evening, please email Dawn Stem at dstem@gracelc.org with the following information. You may also provide your information on an RCR card at worship services.

Name

Phone (best number to reach you/leave a message)

Email address

For more information, call Sharon Glass at 410-259-8947, or talk with Katy Stanton or Judy Reilly (members of the Adult Education Committee subcommittee on Quiet Evenings).

In preparation for the first Quiet Evening, a class will be held during the Christian Education hour on two Sundays. On September 23, we will explore Lectio Divina and on September 30 we will talk about journaling. Lectio Divina is a Latin term which means "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. Journaling is a way to record your spiritual journey towards God and help you to pay more attention to how God is working in your life. Even if you're not attending the Quiet Evening on October 5, please join us!



Heifer International

As of August 27, 2012, the
balance of the
Heifer International Fund is \$1,224.90.



2012-2013 Adult Education Calendar

NOTE: Current classes are subject to change by topic and date, and new classes may be added.

SUNDAYS AT 9:00

Bible Class	September 16 – May 5
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SUNDAYS AT 10:15 am

Homebuilders	September 16-May 5
Weekly Scripture Lessons	September 16-May 5
Spiritual Practices (quarterly offerings)	September 23 and 30
New Member (fall and spring)	November 4, 11, 18 and 25

ACADEMIC YEAR—WEEKDAYS

Brown Bag Bible Study at CLV	Wednesdays at noon
Connect (Fall and Winter, 8 weeks each)	Thursday mornings

RETREATS

Advent	December 1
Women's	planning group formed
Couple's	planning group formed

WEEKDAYS—YEAR ROUND

Men's Bible Study at Johansson's	Wednesdays (7:30 p.m. first and third)
Thursday Evening Book Club	Thursdays (7:00 p.m. second and fourth)
Men's Bible Conversations at Bob Evans	Fridays (6:30 a.m. breakfast)
Young Adult Bible Study	Under development
Quiet Evenings (quarterly)	October 5, December 7, March 8, June 7 (6:30-8:30 pm)

WEEKDAYS—SPECIFIC EVENTS

Financial Peace University	Sundays (9 weeks), begins September 16 (2-4:30 pm)
Taking the War Out of Our Words	October 10 (7-8:30 pm)
Cathedral Crossroads	November 27 (afternoon and evening)
Pray the Devil Back to Hell	January 5 & 6; Saturday dinner and movie, Sunday Christian Education Hour discussion
Book of Acts Study	April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15 (10:30 am-noon, 7-8:30 pm)
Classic Book Study	Summer
Connect Bible Study	Summer



Grace Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

September Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Monday, September 17 from 2-8 p.m. in Grace Hall at Grace Lutheran Church. Call or email: Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.

WELCA Meeting

by Helen Englar

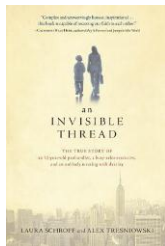
The September WELCA meeting will be held on Monday, September 17 at 1:30 pm in the Library. We will be having a business and planning meeting. Please plan to attend.



First Communion Classes

First Communion Classes will be offered this fall on Saturdays from 9:00-10:30 a.m. on September 29, October 6, and October 13. Students will celebrate First Communion during the worship services on October 14. Many students begin to receive Holy Communion in second grade, although some children are older and some are younger. The classes are geared to students who are Kindergarten – 6th Grade. If your child is ready to prepare for participation in the Lord's Supper, we ask that you register them for this series of classes. Please register by using the RCR card at a worship service or by emailing Pastor Martha. Classes will be taught by Pastor Martha and Leanne Elliott.

Thursday Evening Book Club



An Invisible Thread will be read and discussed this fall by the Book Club. This is the true story of the relationship that developed between an 11-year-old panhandler and a busy sales executive. The lives of Laura and Maurice become interwoven as they support one another in the challenges of life. The book opens a variety of themes centering on family life and our relationships with each other. Book club will meet this fall from 7:00 -8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, September 27, October 11 & 25, and November 8 in the Library. See Pastor Martha to purchase a book for \$10. Participants are asked to read chapters 1-5 for the first session.

Confirmation

Attention 7th Graders!!!! Confirmation is the opportunity to prepare for Affirming Your Baptism and becoming an adult member of the church. Normally, students in 7th and 8th grades participate in Confirmation. Here at Grace, Confirmation Classes are taught during the Education Hour on Sunday mornings. In addition to attending class and worship regularly, students are required to participate in Servant Events. Details about the Confirmation Program at Grace can be found at www.gracelc.org. We are now registering students for the 2012-2013 Confirmation Program. Orientation with students and parents will take place in Room 108 on Sunday, September 16 at 10:15. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Pastor Martha at mclementson@gracelc.org.

Adult Education at Grace is Alive and Well

Adult Education at Grace is Alive and Well...elsewhere in this newsletter, you found a list of the many adult educational offerings for the current school year. Please keep that calendar for future reference!! On Sunday mornings, we have three classes offered year round as well as a variety of classes that are offered on specific occasions. We hope you will get involved in one of these classes:

9:00 Bible Class – Coordinated by Al Doermann – Now studying “Down + Out: Where Grace Takes You”
in the Library

10:15 Homebuilders – Led by Tiffany and David Cox – Now studying “Your Time Starved Marriage”
in the Theater

10:15 Bible Class – Taught by Pastor Kevin – Engaging in lively discussion of the Scripture Readings of the Day
in the Fellowship Hall

For Sale – 2 Cemetery Plots in Evergreen Gardens

Two cemetery plots are for sale in Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 2800 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, MD
Block 4, Lot 384 – Good Shepherd, Sites 1 & 2

Current Cost: \$2,890 (Both)

Will Sell for: \$1,800 (Both) **OR BEST OFFER**

Seller Pays Transfer Fees

If interested, call 703-360-0443 and leave a message and your phone number. Your call will be returned promptly.
(This information is also posted on the bulletin boards in the Upper Gathering Space and in the Cloister.)

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, 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, Rocky Davis, Al Doermann, Millie Haenftling, Patricia Heath, Vaughn Ireland, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy Long, Wilda Miller, Poe Myers, Ed Pinder, Evelyn Roys, 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.*

Legacy Circle of Grace



The Stewardship Committee together with the Legacy Circle of Grace Committee is pleased to host our first “Planning for Today and Tomorrow” presentation to be held on Saturday, September 29, 2012 in the Theater at Grace Lutheran Church. Damian L. Halstad and Neal R. Hoffman, attorneys from the firm of Hoffman Comfort, Offutt, Scott & Halstad, LLP will provide the program. Light refreshments served 9 to 9:15 – Presentation 9:15 to 10:15 – Closing 10:15 to 10:30. Damian and Neal will be available afterwards to answer any private questions or

concerns. Sign up on the RCR card or call the church office at 410-848-7020 to reserve your space.

Plans are also being made for our 1st Annual Legacy Members Celebration Banquet to be held at 6 pm on Saturday, October 13 following the 5 pm worship service. Invitations will be mailed to all Legacy Circle members.

If you need information on becoming a member of Legacy Circle of Grace, pick up one of our brochures or talk with the Pastors, any council member, or any Legacy Circle of Grace Committee member (George Conover, Karen Ganjon, Neal Hoffman, Don Ludwig, or Ed Leister).

Note from a Legacy Circle of Grace Member

As an adult, it took me far too long to make a will. Who wants to consider the time of one’s death? Besides, there was nothing complicated about my estate, I reasoned. Anything I had would just go to my family.

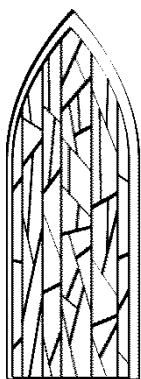
Later, I learned that I was making some big assumptions. There’s more to a will than money. There are other decisions to be made, from the care of my children to my own wishes for myself in a medical situation. Without a will, I was not being responsible to myself, or my family. But I still did not want to do it.

When I finally did it, I discovered something wonderful in my will: I could be extravagantly generous to the institutions that have mattered to me. It would not cost me a thing, or cause me one worry or make a dent in my lifestyle. My children are already used to the notion that we do not keep all the money we earn so they will not be surprised that they do not get to keep all their parents’ money. In fact, I like to think that the gifts we had designated for others might even bring them a little joy at a sad time in their lives.

It gave me joy to think that one day I can leave a gift to my church that has long supported me and my family. It is a small gesture compared to the gift of life eternal promised to us all.

Legacy in Stained Glass

by George Conover



Go to our historic sanctuary and look at the stained glass. At the very bottom you will notice the names of numerous people. Luther, Melancthon, and a couple of early pastors are there for obvious reasons. What about Reese, Wagoner, Lawyer and Grammar?

- William Reese was the first donor (\$100) to the first church building fund in 1866.
- Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Wagoner donated the land on which the historic sanctuary stands.
- William Lawyer and Henry Grammar were the first Elders of Grace Lutheran Church.

All the names in those windows represent people who took action to erect a church and start a congregation. Although they faced severe trials as a congregation, the legacy of these folks has lasted for nearly one hundred and fifty years.

September Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)

9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)

10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

2:00 pm Financial Peace Seminar Preview (T)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

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

5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (FH, T, 101A/101B)

7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)

7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)

5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)

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

7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)

6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)

7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (108)

7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

7:45 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders Meeting (Parlor)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)

8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012 – RALLY DAY

10:00 am All Grace Worship (GH)

3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

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

7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)

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

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

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

5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (FH, T, 101A/101B)

7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)

7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)

5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)

6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (108)

7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)

8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)

9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)

9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)

10:15 am Christian Education Hour

10:15 am Confirmation Orientation (108)

11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

2:00 pm Financial Peace Seminar (T, FH, L)

3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)

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

7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)

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

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

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

5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (FH, T, 101A/101B)

7:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)

5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)

7:00 pm Women's Retreat Planning Meeting (LGS)

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

7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson'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

September Calendar of Events (continued)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

10:00 am Synod Pastors Meeting (S, FH)
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

Time TBD Youth Crab Feast
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:00 pm Financial Peace Seminar (T, FH, L)
 2:30 pm 145th Year Open House Celebration
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (FH, T, 101A/101B)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (LGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner and Song (FH)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

9:00 am First Communion Class (109/110)
 9:00 am Red Cross Adult CPR/AED Class (108)
 9:00 am Planning for Today and Tomorrow Presentation (T)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:00 pm Financial Peace Seminar (T, FH, L)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

Personal Notes

Baptized into the Body of Christ:

8/12/12 – Camden Grace Zepp, daughter of Travis and Shannon Zepp
 8/19/12 – Elle Louise Patricia London, daughter of LauraRose London

In Memoriam:

We would like to express our condolences to the following family who lost a loved one recently:
 Family of Timothy J. Cooke, Sr. – August 23, 2012

New Young Adult Group Forming

by Vicar Karin Albaugh



A new group is evolving in the community! Young adults are invited to join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month for fellowship, Bible study and an adult beverage to boot! We would love to have you involved. Please email me your information at kalbaugh@gracelc.org and I will send you the details!



September Worship Leaders & Assistants

SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2012

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner

7:45 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

9:00 am – Paul Whitson

Communion Assistants: Bill Comegna, Sue Roach, Vicar Karin Albaugh, Janet Bowersox, Jan Mickey

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

10:30 am – Charlie Beckhardt



SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2012 – ALL GRACE – Rally Day

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

10:00 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

Communion Assistants: Ron Fairchild, Amelia Dowling, Erin Sherlock, Anna Tschiegg, Rich Schuster

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

SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2012

5:00 pm – Laura Heller

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Michele Krichinsky

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

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

11:15 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh, **Reader:** Leonard Cherry

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2012

5:00 pm – Kay Betz

7:45 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

9:00 am – Pete Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Dena Hodges, Vicar Karin Albaugh, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Sandra Harrison

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

11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2012

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss and Maddie Lichtfuss

7:45 am – Evelyn Babylon

9:00 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

Communion Assistants: Pete Morano, Dottie Morano, Ginny Beazley, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews

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

11:15 am – Florence Bastien



September

**SANCTUARY AND
GRACE HALL –**

Jim and Donna Helm

September Birthdays

September 1

Jacobson, Keith
Seipp, Darryl
Smith, Mellody
Smith, Aleah
Wiles, Earl

September 2

Bowers, Jerry
Hirt, Clyde

September 3

Fordi, John
Gosaguio, Fernando
Warehime, Robert

September 4

Brown, Karen
Buscemi, Brooke
Handley, James
Moore, Braden
Flook, Tiffany

September 5

Bowman, Stacy
Janke, Rory
Janke, Reagan
Jenkins, Bruce
Kemph, Andrea
Michael, Donald
Scott, Lori
Sherlock, Heidi
Tyler, Pat

September 6

Charnley, Rachel
Plendl, Caitlin
Plendl, Chad
Rehak, Kathy
Zayed, Daniel

September 7

Alisauckas, Paula
McCormick, Andrew
Rainey, Edward
Roach, Susan
Steers, Kathleen

September 8

Brynes, Lori
Holmes, John
Plendl, Bree
Ways, Jim

September 9

Connelly, Michael
DeGreif, Ryan

September 10

Baker, Craig
Crawford, Lois
Giles, Lois
Merryman, Wanda

September 11

Czarnowsky, Lora
Dayhoff, Kevin
Goetz, Daniel
Gretz, Ken
Harrison, Sandra
Mason, Mary Ruth
Michael, Hope
Shimoda, Matthew

September 12

Boone, James
Clements, Daniel
Fletcher, Benjamin
Harris, Kaylee
Krichinsky, Michele

September 13

Erikson, William
Futrell, Dennis
Keefer, Jeff
Morrow, David
Seipp, Eric
Sherfey, Kara

September 15

Czarnowsky, Nathaniel
Hyle, Desirae

September 16

Jones, Madelyn
Lewis, Brooklyn
McCulloch, Carol
Paulsen, Kim
Peltier, Honesty
Yarish, John

September 17

Scott, Claire

September 18

Beckhardt, Cyndy

September 19

Johnson, Zachary
Schaffer, Christopher

September 20

Bockmiller, Bill
Glass, John
Williams, Sydney
Zepp, Junior

September 21

Eckenrode, Matt
King, Stephanie
Mays, Aubrey
Sackin, Rachel
Smith, Mitchell
Trotta, Katherine

September 22

Gregory, Christopher
Ryan, Jenny
Schaeffer, Lillian
Scott, Eric
Scott, Thomas

September 23

Borleis, Ryan
Capece, Cara
Comegna, Nancy
Deardorff, Ted
Knoedler, Sean
Linebaugh, Patti
Shackelford, Michele
Weaver, CeeCee

September 24

McCloskey, Mitchell

September 25

Degitz, Abbey
Schuchardt, James

September 26

Rosendahl, Stephanie

September 27

Barnes, Heather
Carbaugh, Jeffrey
Day, Brandy
Eckles, Alexis
Miller, Steve
Roach, Ryan
Strevig, Brielle

September 28

Moore, John
Plendl, Barb

September 29

Bittner, Amy
Huver, Randolph
Peltier, Imagine
Wright, William

September 30

Anderson, Aubrey
Leister, Renee
Trotta, Luke
Yingling, Jake



Timmy's Corner Secret Message: Please help Timmy stop hunger.

Anniversary Reflections

Please share a favorite memory from your involvement at Grace Lutheran and/or share the reason you became a member or why you are involved in Grace's ministry today:

Optional Information:

Name _____

Year you became a member (if you are a member) _____

Would you consider helping to plan the 150th Anniversary? _____

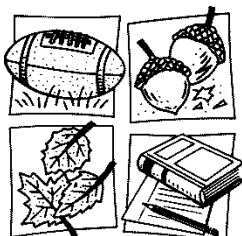


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