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GRACE NOTES

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**Deadline for *February*
Grace Notes is Tuesday,
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3:30 pm).**

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Built on Rock

My father was one of the great mentors of my faith while a child. One text that he loved to reflect upon was the parable of the "Two Foundations." (Matt. 7:24-27) In the gospel of Matthew this parable serves as the conclusion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. A brief summary of the parable is simply this; a wise man built his house on a rock and a foolish man built his house upon sand. When the storms came, the house built upon the rock withstood the tragedies while the house built upon sand was destroyed. Jesus said, "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." My father pointed out that the storms of life come to all of us; how we handle those storms will depend greatly upon what makes up the foundation of our lives. In recent months we have seen many examples of the storms that have assailed the lives of people. The devastation of Hurricane Sandy, the tragedy of Newtown, personal matters of health (me included), matters of economic uncertainty and this is a list that can go on for pages.

Trapped at home by my own health issues I spent a lot of time in front of a television watching the reports of the tragic shooting in Connecticut. On the Monday following the shooting a reporter for one network noted that her church, also in Connecticut, was filled to overflowing with individuals seeking spiritual solace. Many other reporters also noted that people are trying to make sense of this terrible tragedy. But truth is there is no way to make sense of this tragedy. And we must not forget that these sorts of senseless tragedies have always been a part of our world. An often forgotten commemoration of the Christian Church Calendar is December 28 which is most often called Holy Innocents, and is actually part of the extended Christmas story which tells of wicked King Herod sending his soldiers to Bethlehem and the surrounding region and killing all boys under the age of two. Ironically historians speculate that perhaps 15 to 20 little boys were slaughtered in this moment of time. Evil persists in our world and has marched the path of time from generation to generation.

How then do we meet this reality with any sense of hope? A Presbyterian pastor once wrote; "When I was a boy I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of disaster I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing there are so many helpers - so many caring people in this world." The pastor was Fred Rogers who is also known

as Mr. Rogers. In my recent health care scare I can attest to the truth of what Mr. Rogers said for in the anxious moments and days leading up to and following my surgery my life has been filled to overflowing with helpers who cared for me and comforted my family. I suspect that most of you reading this article also have similar examples of those helpers. In Connecticut one lone shooter took the lives of 20 children and six adults. Among those who died were

indeed some helpers who gave their lives so that many more children were saved. And in the moments and days that have followed the helpers have vastly outnumbered the one who lived out evil.

The storms of life assail all of us in our turn and in our time. But all around us is the presence of God who brings his helpers to care for us, to mourn with us and to make real his love for our lives. The Rock upon which the wise man built his house was the certainty of God's eternal love and presence. This knowledge will not stop the storms of life but knowing the certainty of God's ever presence support can help us weather the storms of life and open us to seeing the presence of God. This truth was brought home to me in my recent adventures and in the midst of the storm of life I was overwhelmed by the depth of God's loving care for me made real in the loving hands of his children.

The storms of this life crash all around but the rock of God's abiding love made real in Jesus gives us the rock upon which to build our lives and to also find the strength and courage to then go out into the world and be those helpers who will overwhelm the evil of the moment by making real the eternal love of God.

May your life be ever built upon the rock of God's love so that the storms of life cannot overwhelm you, so that you will be able to see all the ways in which the Lord is with you and hear that calling to be those helpers who will forever overwhelm the hurts of this world with the balm of God's eternal love.

Peace, Pastor Kevin Clementson

2013

The Year of Luke

As we begin a new calendar year, we are one month into the new church year. Having completed Advent, we are now in the Christmas season and look forward to the celebration of Epiphany on January 6. This year, it is a rare event to celebrate the festival of Epiphany on a Sunday.

During the weeks of 2013, most of our Gospel Readings will come from the Gospel of Luke. When we hear specific pieces of scripture, it is always helpful to understand how that scripture fits into the bigger picture. It is something like picking up a novel and reading a few paragraphs from page 43. If you didn't know what came before that page, the words you read wouldn't tell much of a story. The opening verses of Luke make it clear that the author knows he is not the first person to attempt to write about Jesus, but after careful investigation has decided to take his turn to tell the story. Luke is actually the first of two volumes, the second one being the book of Acts.

Mark Allan Powell, New Testament professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio has written: "One way to appreciate the impact that this book has had on religion and culture is to try to envision what Christianity would be like without it. Can we imagine Christmas without shepherds or a baby in a manger? Liturgy without the Magnificat? A church year without Ascension or Pentecost? How many favorite Bible stories would we lose? Zacchaeus, Mary and Martha, the good Samaritan, the prodigal son – all would be gone forever. But, of course, we do have Luke's Gospel."

About half of this lengthy telling of the Gospel is also found in Mark and Matthew, but about half is found nowhere else. When you look closely at Luke, especially the parts that are unique to Luke, you notice a number of themes which reveal the matters that Luke wanted to highlight for those who would read his telling of the Gospel of Jesus.

- **Worship and Prayer are of great importance.** Often in Luke, you will find people giving thanks. You will see Jesus often at prayer. The reader is encouraged to pray frequently.
- **Meals take on an important role in Luke and Acts.** It is in Luke's Gospel that Jesus is criticized for eating with the wrong people. Meals often symbolize nourishment and celebration, and in Luke's Gospel, meals are depicted as occasions for healing, hospitality, fellowship, forgiveness, prophetic teaching, and reconciliation.
- **Jesus' ministry extends to those who are otherwise excluded.** Luke's Gospel shows special concern for outcasts, for victims of oppression, and for others who appear to be at a disadvantage in society. It is

often noted that in Luke, Jesus is especially interested in the poor, women, and those otherwise oppressed.

- **Salvation begins today.** Luke often uses the word, “today.” Salvation begins now as people encounter Jesus and experience the freedom he offers.
- **The Holy Spirit plays a prominent role in Luke and Acts.** The power of the Holy Spirit is at work in Jesus and in his followers.

Many of you have heard me say that the Gospel of Luke is my favorite book in the Bible. While I enjoy delving into all of the Scripture Lessons that are assigned in the three year Lectionary used by our church and many, many others, I most enjoy this Year of Luke. If you'd like to get a head start on the year, take some time to read these passages: Luke 1:46-55; 6:20-26; 7:36-50; 11:1-13; 18:1-8; 24:36-53. Even better would be to read the entire Gospel of Luke so that when we read small pieces of the story you will be prepared to see the bigger picture.

May God bless us on the journey throughout this church year, so that our lives will be challenged, comforted, and enriched by God's grace preparing us to be Christ's disciples in the world!

Pastor Martha Clementson



Heifer International

As of December 17, 2012,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$1,333.31.



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

***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE***

January Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar



Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, January 28 from 2-8 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.

Young Adult Ministry

by Vicar Karin Albaugh

Be a sinner and sin strongly, but more strongly have faith and rejoice in Christ.

Martin Luther



Join the Young Adult Ministry as we explore some of Martin Luther's quotes. We meet at J&P Pizza (in the Shoppes at Meadow Creek in Westminster) each 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. for fellowship and conversation. This is a non-judgmental group where anyone can relax, grab a drink and share questions about faith. Please come and be a part of this growing community!

Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development



Happy New Year to all of you from all the directors and choir members of Grace Lutheran Church Music Ministry!

The 4th Annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital, "Carols from Around the World," was held on Wednesday, December 5 at 10am in the Sanctuary. The program was an overwhelming success with more than 110 people in attendance! Everyone enjoyed the projection screen, which displayed Ted's hands, as well as poetry read in German and Slovak by special guests Gabriele Miller and Viera Sabol. The special soup and salad luncheon added 'icing on the cake' to this truly wonderful event. Thank you to all who attended!

This year's Christmas Cantata, *Night of Wonder*, by Jay Althouse and Sally K. Albrecht, was performed on Sunday, December 16 at 3pm, in Grace Hall. It featured instrumentalists, narrators, soloists, Luther and Festival Choirs and Akaloo kids. A huge thank you goes out to all who participated in the performance and all who attended. It is such fun to come together during the holidays and present such a special program!

We look forward to another year of splendid music-making at Grace Lutheran Church!

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Sunday, January 27 at 3pm – The Luther and Chancel Choirs will be performing as part of the annual Ecumenical Christian Unity Service in Grace Hall.
- Friday, March 15 at 12 Noon – Organist Ted Dix will be performing a recital at Braddock Street United Methodist Church as part of their mid-week Lenten organ recital series.
- Sunday, April 7 at 10am – Luther and Festival Choirs, with Soloists, Instrumentalists, and Narrators, will be performing our annual Easter Cantata at the All Grace worship in Grace Hall.

Grace Art Gallery



Call for Artists to Display Art, Photography or any artwork that will hang on the Walker Display System

Timeframe: February – April 2013

Contact: Donna Yarish, Curator @ 410 848 0444



New Artwork Needed!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott



Are you in 6-8th grade? Yes?! Then you are part of our new Horizon Ministry! You should have received a brochure in the mail talking about **Elevate Summer Weekend** [if you did not please see Ms. Leanne for one!] **July 12-14, 2013** we will be traveling up to Somerset, PA to the Teen Quest Ranch for a weekend of adventure, fellowship, and worship! The cost is only **\$99** and everything is included! To secure your spot all you have to do is hand in a deposit of **\$50** to Ms. Leanne by **January 20!** Any questions feel free to contact Ms. Leanne.

Looking for something fun to do with the family on **January 18**? Join families of Grace for Kid's Night Out: Family Game Night from **6-8 pm**! We will have some snacks to share but we are asking families to bring their favorite game to share! Cards, Board Games, Chess, Checkers, anything! Come out for a good time!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR LOVE LANGUAGE IS??? **Words of Affirmation? Gifts? Acts of Service? Physical Touch? Or Quality Time?** Join Homebuilders beginning on **January 13** [We will be taking the week of January 6 off so that everyone has the opportunity to join Vivian Kuawogai in the discussion of "Pray the Devil Back to Hell" that will be viewed on the January 5] as they discuss Gary Chapman's "The 5 Love Languages" and find out! Tiffany and Dave Cox will be leading this study using "The 5 Love Languages" DVD and workbook and have designed the classes

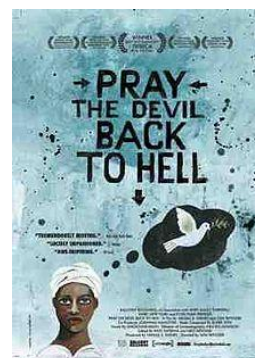
to be open to everyone, not just couples. Love Languages are important in all of our relationships and this is a fantastic opportunity to learn about yourself, while helping to strengthen the relationships in your life. If you have any questions please talk with Tiffany or Dave Cox, and if you would like to borrow a copy of Gary Chapman's book before the class talk to Leanne Elliott; she has a copy on her shelf she is willing to lend out!



An Event for Adults and Youth ...

On **January 5, 2013**, we will be watching the documentary "**Pray the Devil Back to Hell**" which tells the story of Nobel Prize winner Leymah Gbowee and her female colleagues who brought an end to a long and bloody civil war in Liberia. This documentary is very powerful and we will continue the experience on **January 6** during the education hour with a discussion led by our very own Vivian Kuawogai.

Our evening on the 5th will start with a family-style dinner then the Youth & Family committee will have activities for kids while high school and above watch the film. Middle school students may help with the kids to earn service hours for school.



Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Christmas Programs

Many thanks to all the families who donated items to our Christmas programs and party celebrations. We hope everyone enjoyed the singing by the children (and our teachers) along with the fellowship among the other families in the classrooms.



Community Service Projects

During the month of November we collected nonperishable foods to donate to Carroll Food Sunday. Our wonderful children donated over 350 pounds of Italian foods, cereals, canned fruits and vegetables. In December we had a mitten tree which was decorated with many beautiful hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. We are blessed to have such generous and caring families.

Registration for the 2013/2014 School Year

We will begin taking registration on January 2 for the 2013/2014 school year. Current students and siblings have first priority for registration from January 2-14. **Grace Lutheran congregational members** will be able to register from January 14-21. On January 21 we will open registration to the public. If you are interested in registering, please call Anita at the preschool office, 410-848-7020 for more information or to schedule a visit and observe the classrooms. Registration forms are available in the literature racks or may be downloaded from the website. If you have any questions, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

Two day two-year olds: Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday

Two day three-year olds: Tuesday and Thursday

Three day three-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Three day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Four day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday through Thursday

Five day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday through Friday

Three day 9:00-2:00 Pre-K four-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Dates to Remember

January 2 – School reopens

January 2-14 – Registration for returning students and siblings

January 14-21 – Registration for Grace Lutheran members

January 21 – Registration opens to the public

January 21 – No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 22 – Dining Out Night at Chick-fil-A (look for flyer on our website)

January 28 – No School – Teacher Professional Day

Field Trips

The Pre-K four-year old classes will be visiting Piney Run Park on January 10 and 11 to learn about animals in winter.

Family Fun Night/Silent Auction

Our annual Family Fun Night is being planned for February 22; our theme will be “family game night.” If you are interested in donating something to the silent auction, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

Women of the ELCA

by Helen Englar



The WELCA of Grace will meet on **Monday, January 21, 2013 at 1:30 pm** to assemble AIDS/Hospice Kits. The HIV/AIDS Epidemic has added enormous challenges to health care worldwide. Missionaries, their health care worker colleagues and patients' families in third world countries must provide daily care to AIDS patients who suffer from the symptoms of this devastating, end-stage disease. There is pain, nausea, diarrhea, skin eruptions, to name a few. It is not a disease we can ignore and it is not going away.

But what can we do to help? Monetary donations or kit item donations from the congregation are appreciated. An AIDS/Hospice Kit can provide cleanliness and comfort. Our prayers and generosity can reach far into the lives of those who have been affected. WELCA is collecting items in boxes in the Gathering Spaces. Each kit contains:

New items:

- 1 bath-size bar of hand soap (wrapped)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste, medium or large (or two small sample sizes)
- 1 "Pick" comb
- 1 Nail clipper
- 6 Band-aids
- 1 jar or tube of petroleum jelly
- Used devotional book (any time frame, any type – Christ in Our Home, Our Daily Bread, etc.)

Kits will be sent to Global Health Ministries (GHM) which is an organization that provides financial and material support to Lutheran health care mission programs in developing countries. GHM supporters believe there are significant untapped health care resources in the United States that are desperately needed by Lutheran medical missionaries and the people they serve overseas.

Operation Christmas Child

by Craig Giles

It is a joy to report that 78 shoe boxes filled with toys, notes, school supplies, personal care items, prayers and the message of Christ's love for the whole world, were sent from Grace Lutheran on November 18. To all who packed a box, donated items or money, and supported the project with your prayers, thank you. The Confirmation classes had a great time shopping, packing and writing notes. In each box we placed a glow-in-the-dark cross so that wherever that box goes, a child may know that Jesus is the Light of the World.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church **Social Ministry Committee - 2012**

by Pat Goldberg

Vision

To glorify God by responding to His call to serve others in need beyond Sunday morning and beyond our walls.

Mission

To reach out in service through hands-on activities and financial giving to the broken world in the name of Jesus Christ. This service, both local and global, is given without condition and apart from the imposition of obligation.

Ministries

Ardent Folk – Hospitality and evening meal served to neighbors every Thursday, preceded by Bible Study

Caring Carroll – Services which encourage self-sufficiency for seniors

Child Fund – Sponsors individual children, national and internationally

Cold Weather Shelter Suppers – Prepares and serves food at the Shelter on Saturdays

Community Garden – City plot is cultivated by Ardent Folk neighbors, team, and interested others.

CROP Walk – 5-mile walk for Church World Service Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

Funeral Luncheons – Meal is prepared and served after the funeral for grieving family and community

Global Projects – Supports global brothers and sisters in need such as Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) Disaster Response

Heat Shelter – Shelter and water provided for neighbors on Sunday afternoons during air quality alerts

Local Projects – Supports local efforts and organizations such as Mission of Mercy and Caring Carroll

Lutheran World Relief Coffee – Fair Trade coffee and products are sold; funds support Lutheran World Relief

Mission Teams – Youth and adults travel and work in areas of need, regionally and in Carroll County

Missionary Support – Financial assistance to missionaries from our congregation, ELCA, and sister cities

Neighborhood Ministry – Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, supports local neighborhood needs

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Bi-weekly gathering of knitters who make prayer shawls to comfort others

Red Cross Blood Drive – Held 5 times a year on Mondays, 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Refugee Ministry – Refugees are offered shelter and guidance for relocating in this country

Shepherd's Staff – Funds and volunteer support are provided for programs for those in need

Social Justice – New initiative to create awareness and action to care for God's creation

Table of Grace – 12:00 noon on Tuesdays; a soup kitchen which serves a hot meal to over 100 people

Timber Ridge – Community housing for seniors

The Social Ministry Committee welcomes all who are interested in these ministries.
We encourage your participation. **Contact:** Laura Heller, Chair (lheller1@msn.com; 443-291-6044)

Church & Village: Partners in Ministry

December 2012

Thank you to those who attended the annual Village Holiday hosted by the Friends of the Village auxiliary on December 1. Photographer Michael Smith unveiled his new photograph and local musician Monte Leister performed selections from his first Christmas CD. Proceeds from the event benefit the reinvention of the Health Care Center and the Diven House for Assisted Living.

Carroll Lutheran Village will become a smoke- and tobacco-free workplace effective January 1, 2013. Employees, contractors and the public may not use tobacco of any kind on campus. "Carroll Lutheran Village is committed to the health and wellbeing of all staff, residents, and visitors," said President/CEO Geary Milliken. "As a health care facility, it is important that we provide a healthy environment for everyone on campus and be a community leader in setting higher care standards."

Residents of Carroll Lutheran Village have been very generous this fall. They raised \$2,180 to benefit the Alzheimer's Association through the annual Wellness Walk in October and most recently raised \$6,500 for Carroll County Food Sunday through the Carroll County Times' Holiday Hope campaign.

Sara Evans, a Geriatric Nursing Assistant (GNA) at Carroll Lutheran Village, has been named the GNA of the Year by the Tri-County Directors of Nursing Association representing nursing directors in Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties. Sara is just one example of the many highly qualified staff working with residents in the Health Care Center and Diven House for Assisted Living who make a difference every day.

Carroll Lutheran Village was honored by the Carroll County Department of Economic Development in November with a 2012 Business Achievement Award. The "Workforce Development Award" was presented for an ongoing commitment to employee development initiatives, including student employee scholarships, a partnership with Carroll Community College to provide clinical training to nursing students, utilization of the Business & Employment Resource Center to identify and assess qualified candidates, and ongoing opportunities for continued learning and professional growth. More than one-third of Carroll Lutheran Village's 470 employees have been employed for five years or more.

Save the date for the Winter Games on Saturday, January 26 from 1-4pm hosted by the Friends of the Village auxiliary. Beat the winter doldrums with three hours of board game fun. Tickets are \$12 per player. For tickets call 410-848-5706 or 410-848-1814.

Attention Married Couples ...



Make 2013 the year you resolve to make your marriage a more romantic, intimate, joy-filled relationship! **For over 30 years Lutheran Marriage Encounter has been enriching and revitalizing marriages by presenting Weekends.** Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES whether you are newlyweds or have been married upwards of 50 years. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. 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. The 2013 Pennsylvania

Weekends are **March 15-17, April 26-28, September 13-15, and October 11-13 (for more information, please go to the website shown below).** Registrations are limited, so sign up today to ensure that you can attend the weekend of your choice. Simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register 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.

Worship Volunteers

Worship Volunteer Lists are being updated – Our worship services at Grace are greatly enhanced by congregational members sharing in the leadership roles. Worship is something that all of God's people do together. While the pastors serve important roles within the worship services, it is important to demonstrate the participation of the laity in leadership as well.

Here is a brief description of each of the roles for which we need volunteers:

Worship Assistants – Participate at all four of our weekly services; these people assist the pastors by reading scripture lessons, leading prayers, and assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion. Worship Assistants in the services in the Sanctuary wear albs (robes) provided by the church.

Readers – In addition to worship assistants, Readers participate by reading the Scripture Lessons for the day at the services in the Sanctuary. Although we have not had Readers at the 9:00 services, we could incorporate people into this role if there are volunteers.

Communion Assistants – At the 9:00 Worship Service, five people are needed in addition to the pastors and worship assistant each week to distribute Holy Communion.

Acolytes – At the services in the Sanctuary, young people who serve as acolytes light the candles before the services, distribute the offering plates, and extinguish the candles at the end of the service. They wear robes and sit in a designated seat in the front of the church during the service. New acolytes will receive training. Currently, our acolytes are in grades 8 – 12; however, we welcome younger children as well. Parents should talk with the pastors if their children are interested in filling this role if they are younger than confirmation age. (We have not yet had acolytes at the 9:00 service but are open to adding them if there are interested young people.)

Ushers – These people distribute bulletins, help to seat people, receive the offering, and provide for general order and safety during our worship services. At the 7:45 service, the ushers also distribute Holy Communion.

Schedules for the above roles are generally prepared for three months at a time by the staff in our church office. **Those who are currently serving are carried over into the next quarter unless they notify the office otherwise.** We are very pleased to welcome others into these roles. So, we ask you to prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these positions. We will be taking new volunteers for the next quarter through the end of December. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Martha.

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Worship Leadership Volunteers

I'd like to volunteer to serve in the following way(s):

Worship Assistant:	___ 5:00	___ 7:45	___ 9:00	___ 11:15
Scripture Reader:	___ 5:00	___ 7:45	___ 9:00	___ 11:15
Communion Assistant:			___ 9:00	
Acolyte:	___ 5:00	___ 7:45	___ 9:00	___ 11:15
Usher:		___ 7:45	___ 9:00	___ 11:15

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Legacy Circle of Grace

Dear friends of Grace, - All my unknown friends who read this verse today – We send you New Year’s Greetings, just a little rhyme to say – May Fortune knock upon your door and all your skies be blue - May all your ships come sailing home and all your dreams come true.

And folks in homes and hospitals who lie on a bed of pain – may you be healed and comforted, restored to health again – and all whose hearts are aching for a loved one who has gone – may you be given courage, faith and strength to help you on... We feel we know each other – here we meet as friends and so today from out of our hearts this little wish we send – May every home be filled with Love – the greatest gift of all – a “Quiet Corner” safe from all the hubbub and the strife – May sunshine light your pathway when the road looks dark and long – We wish you a happy, healthy, and bright New Year with blessings strong. Let’s vow to love each other – love in thought and word and deed – Imagine what the world would be if we could all obey – this simple little golden rule – Let’s make a resolution today to become a member of Legacy Circle of Grace.

Additional History of Grace Lutheran Church

by Karen Ganjon

In July 1886, the Westminster Charge, consisting of Grace Church, St. Benjamin’s and St John’s was divided and The Rev. Dr. Kuhns was elected pastor of Grace Church at a salary of \$800. He served the Westminster Charge and Grace Church for a total of nine years and resigned on August 29, 1887. He preached his farewell sermon on October 23, 1887.

On October 20, 1887, The Rev. Patrick Henry Miller accepted the congregation’s call. Pastor Miller’s first two sermons were delivered on November 20, 1887. The 10:30am subject was “Preach the Word” and the evening message was “Know the Ministry.” Pastor Miller was installed pastor of Grace Church on January 29, 1888. At this time, the congregation numbered 140 communicant members.

During Pastor Miller’s pastorate, the envelope system was adopted, the pipe organ was installed in June 1892 and the silver jubilee of Grace Church was celebrated June 25-28, 1893. In October 1899, the Maryland Synod met in Grace Church, with Pastor Miller being elected as president.

Do the subjects of his first two sermons still speak to you today? How does “Preach the Word” and “Know the Ministry” relate to our vision and mission of Grace Lutheran Church today?



January Worship Leaders & Assistants

JANUARY 5-6, 2013

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner, **READER:** Laura Miller

7:45 am – Evelyn Babylon

9:00 am – Laura Heller

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

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

11:15 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

JANUARY 12-13, 2013

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss, Maddie Lichtfuss

7:45 am – Craig Giles

9:00 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

Communion Assistants: Sue Roach, Pete Morano, Dotti Morano, Don Hodges, Ann Thomas

Ushers: Chuck Lowman, Tammy Lowman, Michele Krichinsky, Jamie Krichinsky

11:15 am – Kara Schuster

JANUARY 19-20, 2013

5:00 pm – Vicar Karin Albaugh

7:45 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

9:00 am – Ron Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Sandra Harrison, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Harold Murphy, JoAnn Murphy

Ushers: Perry Crawl, Nancy Taylor, Nathan Dowling, Linwood Van Horn

11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg

JANUARY 26-27, 2013

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman, Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Al Doermann

9:00 am – Michele Krichinsky

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

Ushers: Brian Sherfey, Barbara Serghini, Don Ludwig, John Yarish

11:15 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh



January

**SANCTUARY AND
GRACE HALL –**

Evelyn Babylon
Caroline Babylon

January Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY –

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)

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, JANUARY 3, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)

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

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012

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

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

5:00 pm Pray the Devil Back to Hell Dinner and Movie (FH, T)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

7:30 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)

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 Pray the Devil Back to Hell Discussion (GH)

11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

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

4:00 pm Cub Scouts Christmas Party (GH)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012

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

6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (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, JANUARY 8, 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)

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

7:00 pm Internship Committee Meeting (Parlor)

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



THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

4:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Special Meeting (108)

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 Young Adult Group (J&P Pizza, Westminster)

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012

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

5:00 pm Horizon (Middle Sch.) Youth depart for Youth Quake

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 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)

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

5:00 pm Youth Return from Youth Quake

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 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, JANUARY 15, 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 Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)

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, JANUARY 17, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)

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

6:30 pm LFOG Board Meeting (107)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

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

6:00 pm Kid's Night Out Family Game Night (FH, T)

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012

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

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

January Calendar of Events (continued)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 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)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Young Adult Group (J&P Pizza, Westminster)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 4:00 pm Legacy (High School) Leave for Synod Youth Gathering
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012

9:00 am Red Cross Babysitting Training (108)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012

Legacy (High School) Youth Return from Synod Youth Gathering
 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)
 3:00 pm Christian Unity Worship Service (GH)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)
 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, JANUARY 29, 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)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012

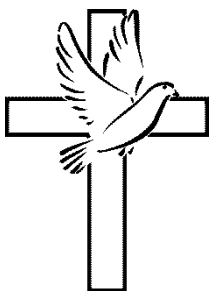
12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012

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

(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

Personal Notes



Baptized into the Body of Christ:

12/16/12 – Ella Marie Simpkins, daughter of Allison Selby and Jeff Simpkins

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Shirley Boyle (sister of Darleen Weller) – November 23, 2012

January Birthdays

January 1

Bieligk, Logan
Bradfield, Melanie
Gardner, Aiden
Laumann, Matthew
Law, Al
Miller, Jessica
Morelock, Robert
Ways, Jennifer

January 2

Warehime, Isabelle

January 3

Hadden, Brandon
Kaufman, Leslie
Palazzo, Gavin

January 4

Dorsey, Jayna Lin
Geary, Nancy
Leppo, Robert
McIver, Macy

January 5

Humbert, Linda
Lippy, Betty

January 6

Fernandez, Aida
Paulsen, Lauren

January 7

Bair, Max
Frazier, Frank
Jenkins, Ethel
Sparrow, Virginia
Stair, Lauren

January 9

Casper, John
Krempin, Mary
Kurland, Robert
Steinbrenner, Jackson
Wilhelm, Patricia

January 10

Dietz, Andrew
Hyde, Elaine
Piisila, Emily

January 11

Eppler, Thomas
Leister, Becky

January 12

Plunkert, Carol
Swartzbaugh, Amy

January 13

Rath, Allison
Rath, Katelynn
Visocky, Lauren
Wiskeman, Larry

January 14

Cockley, Jenna
Fairchild, Matthew
Lockard, Leah

January 15

Burk, Susan
Maloon, Sharon

January 16

Fletcher, Teresa

January 17

Crew, Charles
Culver, Joshua
Ganjon, Gary
Gordon, Thomas
Hadden, Glen
Murphy, JoAnn

January 18

Blount, Carolyn
Brown, Katryn
Dorsey, Alex
Gilbart, Chris
Monka, David
Myers, Naomi

January 19

Hirt, Cynthia
Mens, Don
Pasek, John

January 20

Andalora, Marie
Gardner, Shane
Kilmer, Jonathan
Rivera, Marc
Smith, Cassandra

January 21

Conover, Elaine
Crowl, Perry

January 22

Davis, Taylor
Houck, Joyce
Leister, Jimmy
Lockard, David

January 23

Bish, Carroll
Crew, Nina
McGinnis, Kevin
Steinbrenner, Christina
Streaker, Elissa

January 24

Pringle, Callan

January 26

Frock, Kendrick
Janke, Liam
Shimoda, Jessica
Strevig, Britta

January 27

Kelmartin, Tyler
Ludwig, Buzz
McKinney, Joseph
Rosendahl, Cheryl

January 28

Betz, Alfred
Kessler, Chip

January 29

Lauer-Miller, Gail
Pasek, Matthew
Tarbet, Michael
Vadder, Joe

January 30

Carr, Janet
Schaeffer, Deborah

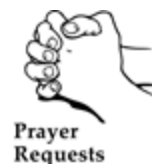
January 31

Helt, Daniel
Meyers, Christopher



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, 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: Erin and Mike, Irene Bailey, Cathy Barnes, Marion Bauman, Dennis Baumgardner, Brian Bowersox, Sandi Bowman, Troy Bowman, Robert L. Brown, William F. Brown, Mike Button, Barbara Caples, Pastor Kevin Clementson, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Adam Fairchild, Ken Gist, Brenda Haines, Dick Haines, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Tom Klint's Family, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Charles Lazzelle, Sandy & Walter Long, Wilda Miller, Ed Pinder, Dottie Ramsel, Neysa Richardson, Anna Spittel, Stan Sudvoy, Pat Wilhelm, Jessica Young

Seminarians: Beth Clementson, Laura Heller

Global Ministry Partners: Barbara Robertson and Annie Bunio, ELCA Missionaries in Tanzania and The Lutheran Church, Paide, Estonia.

Also please 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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