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# GRACE NOTES

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## Deadline for *March*

**Grace Notes is Tuesday, February 12. Please email your news to Dawn – [dstem@gracelc.org](mailto:dstem@gracelc.org) or stop by the office during office hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).**

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

## Jerusalem at Passover

You are invited to embark on a journey to Jerusalem for the Passover. Don't worry, it won't cost you thousands of dollars!!! This year, our Midweek Lenten series focuses on the sights and sounds of Jerusalem at the Passover. Our itinerary includes stops at important places, including The Temple, The Mount of Olives, The Palace of the High Priest, The Fortress Antonia, and Skull Hill. A tour guide will help us learn the significance of each of these places and we surely will learn much about the events that surround Jesus' final days in this Holy City.

Since we are traveling to a distant place, worshippers will be issued a Lenten Passport. Those who attend four or more of the Lenten Midweek Services will receive a small gift on Maundy Thursday. This trip is designed for participants of every age...adults will find it filled with new details and insights that enhance your knowledge of Jesus' passion....children will learn much about the time and place in which Jesus gave himself for us.

Observing the six weeks of Lent by participating in Midweek Lenten worship services is something that I have done since childhood. I remember the evening worship services in the large sanctuary where I grew up. I remember the penitential nature of the season when the altar and pulpit were dressed in purple. I remember the hymns that reminded me of Jesus' suffering and encouraged me to give something of myself in service to our Lord. These experiences were very much a part of the development of my faith and were the seeds that eventually led me to ordained ministry. I am sure that as a child or as a teenager I sometimes complained about spending the extra time at church when there was homework to do when I got home. But all of these years later, I realize the importance of that faith formation in my life. Even now, I so value the quiet evenings spent with Jesus and my fellow Christians as we journey to the Cross of Calvary.

Midweek Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 13 when two services will be offered at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Midweek Evening Services will be held on the next five Wednesdays, February 20 and 27, March 6, 13, and 20. A soup supper will be offered at 6:00 with the worship service at 7:00 each evening. During Holy Week, a Healing Service will take place on Wednesday, March 27, Maundy Thursday Service on March 28 and Good Friday Service on March 29. All Holy Week Worship Services will take place at 7:00 p.m.

Please join me in the spiritual journey of Lent as our walk with our Lord deepens in time spent together. Please join me in learning more about the places and the people who helped to shape those last days of Jesus' life. No matter how young or old you are, I know this can be a time of renewal and growth in your life. Please, come, journey with us.....

Pastor Martha Clementson

### **Building Up or Tearing Down?**

I have lived with an adage that states, "If you aren't building up then you must be tearing down." This is a truth that is most often applied to our involvement in relationships with people. I believe that it applies even more so to our involvement as members of the body of Christ. In the context of the community of faith, do our actions serve to build up or tear down? I fear that most of us don't often give much thought to what we are or are not doing for the sake of the body of Christ. Consequently without forethought or action we often are tearing down the community by our inattentiveness.

My father farmed in the sand hills that made up the upper edge of the Red River Valley. This was farmland that needed special care in order to be productive. Many farmers often complained that the land was poor and unproductive. Yet my father could take this same land and with careful attention soon turn it into relatively productive land; a practice carried on by my brother. The reason for success was in always working to build up the quality of the land and understanding that inattentiveness would most often result in a lessening of the land's ability to produce. In farming it is very evident, "If you aren't building up then you are tearing down."

In the life of the Church, the body of Christ, it is much harder to see this truth being lived out. In large part because it is a common practice in today's world to consider an individual community of faith as a product to simply satisfy personal wants and desires. A former parishioner from my days in Pittsburgh wrote to me to fill me in on her life since our last meeting over twenty years ago. Living in a southern city she has moved from church to church never really satisfied, feeling as if there is no church that can meet her needs. I wrote back and asked what she had done to help build up these churches that she had attended. My question caught her off guard; she had never considered that in some way she had a responsibility to the well-being of any of those churches other than putting a few dollar bills in the

offering plate on the Sundays she attended. She merely saw herself as a consumer and never really a participant or member of any of those communities of faith.

The beginning of the preamble of Grace Lutheran's constitution reads; "We, baptized members of the Church of Christ, responding in faith to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, desiring to unite together to preach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission..." Later in this same constitution we read, "The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world." To be responding to God's call to service is to be building up the body of Christ.

I appreciate the adjective 'servant' which describes the nature of the Church. To be a Servant Church means to be a part of a community of faith that reaches out and cares for others in the name of Christ. The call of the Holy Spirit challenges us to think less about what we get and more about what we give.

One day a disgruntled parishioner complained to her pastor, "I'm not getting anything out of church." The wise old pastor, who knew his parishioner replied, "I can understand why you aren't getting anything out of Church; you haven't put anything into the Church."

In our age there is much talk about how the Church is struggling. This isn't a result of God withdrawing his love and grace; rather it is a result of neglect and thoughtlessness by pastors and parishioners alike who are more interested in what they can get out of the Church rather than giving prayerful thought to what they can give of themselves in response to the calling of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Pastor Kevin Clementson



### **Heifer International**

As of January 14, 2013,  
the balance of the Heifer  
International Fund is \$1,403.09.



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

***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE  
THROUGH PEOPLE***

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### **Pub Theology**

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) each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. for food, 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!

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### **Tea at Carroll Lutheran Village**

**Grace Members at Carroll Lutheran Village**

You are Cordially Invited to attend a Tea  
sponsored by the Confirmation Classes at Grace  
Sunday, February 24  
2:30-4:30 pm  
in the Garden Terrace



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### **Save the Dates ... Bible Study on Acts**

Pastor Martha will offer a six-week Bible Study of the Book of Acts this spring. Classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings (7:00-8:30) beginning on April 17. Registration will take place in March.



## **Traditional Music Notes**

by Ted Dix, Director

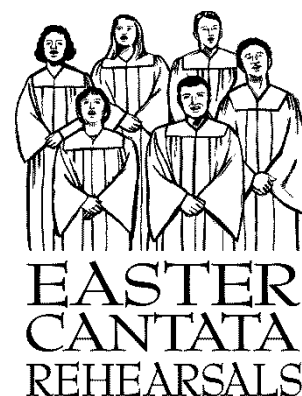
*Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development*

Lent and Easter are coming up fast this year! All of our vocal and instrumental ensembles are starting rehearsals for all the many events in the next few months.

The Easter Cantata will be performed at the 10am All Grace worship service in Grace Hall on Sunday, April 7. I will be contacting the Festival Choir folks by email very shortly with details. If you are someone with singing skills and have never been a part of one of our cantatas, or it has been a while since you have joined us, please consider being a part of the group this year.

### **Easter Cantata Rehearsal Schedule:**

- **2/28, 7:45pm in the Music Room.**
- **3/7, 7:45pm in the Music Room.**
- **3/14, 7:45pm in the Music Room.**
- **3/21, 7:45pm in the Music Room.**
- **3/28, 7:45pm in the Music Room.**
- **4/4, 7:45pm in the Music Room.**
- **4/6, 3pm in Grace Hall**
- **4/7, 10am in Grace Hall (9am call and sound-check)**



### **Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:**

- Wednesdays, from February 20 to March 20, at 7pm – The Agape Handbell Choir, Luther Choir and Chancel Choir will be performing at each of the Mid-Week Lenten Services in the Sanctuary. Schedule:
  - February 20 - Chancel
  - February 27 - Luther
  - March 6 – Agape Handbells
  - March 13 - Luther
  - March 20 - Chancel
- 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.
- Friday, March 29 at 7pm – The Chancel Choir will be performing at the Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, March 31 at 7:45am – The Chancel Choir will be performing at the Easter Sunday early worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, March 31 at 11:15am – The Chancel Choir, Agape Handbell Choir, and brass will be performing at the Easter Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- 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.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

### Valentine's Date Night



We love our kids, but sometimes we need a little break. We want to help out! **From 6-9 on Saturday February 9 in Fellowship Hall** we will have our Valentine's Date Night event! Bring your kids in their PJ's and we will provide dinner and a movie while you and your spouse go off and enjoy a peaceful evening together! We do ask that you please fill out the RCR card at worship by February 3 so that we can plan our meal. If you have any questions please contact Christy Vadder or Leanne Elliott.

### Legacy High School: ICE SKATING

Per your request we will be going **ICE SKATING!!!!!!** Mark your calendar for **1:30-6:00 pm Saturday, February 23!** We will meet at Grace then drive to the Ice Rink. We will end our afternoon with a pizza dinner! We will have more details such as cost and RSVP information out to you later this month ☺



### Tubing Fundraiser: EVERYONE WELCOME



We have one more chance to help support the Senior High Youth going to John's Island this summer for the Mission Trip. **From 4-10 pm Monday, March 4 at Liberty Mountain** a portion of all monies will be given to Grace's youth. All you have to do is show up for your discounted 2 hours of unlimited tubing! We will have coupons **[which you must present in order for Grace to get credit]** available towards the end of the month as well as release forms for anyone going that will not be with their parent. This event is not limited to Grace by any means. Anyone who presents the Grace coupon will receive the group rate price for 2 hours of unlimited tubing during the designated time [4-10 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March]. Please take coupons with you if you know of others who might enjoy this opportunity. We want to distribute as many coupons as possible to spread the word! Carroll County School District has a half day on the 4<sup>th</sup> so this may be a fun early evening family activity. Children tubing must be 5 years of age or older however Kiddie Tubing is available for kids 2-4 for just \$9. Questions please see Leanne Elliott.

### Save the Date!

**VBC – July 15-19, 2013**

Vacation Bible Camp will join Paul on his journey through Athens as he shares the Good News of God's love.



## Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



Enroll now for  
preschool

### 2013/2014 Registration

Registration for the 2013/2014 school year began on January 2 and is now open to the public. Registration forms and brochures are located in the literature racks and can be downloaded from the website. If you know of someone who would benefit from our program please pass along the information; ***you are our best form of advertisement!*** Please call Anita at 410-848-7020 in the preschool office if you are interested in scheduling a visit.

### Dining Out

We will be at Legends Café on February 7 from 4:00pm until closing. Little Friends of Grace will receive 10% of **all** sales this evening. All proceeds benefit the LFOG scholarship program. Flyers will be available on the website or in the literature racks throughout the church. We hope you can join us!



### Family Fun Night

We will be having our fourth annual Family Fun Night on February 22 from 6:00 to 8:00. Our theme this year is Family Game Night. We are having an ice cream social along with selling pizza slices. We are also looking for middle or high schoolers who are in need of community service hours. Please call the preschool if you would like more details on the event.

### Silent Auction

On February 22, we will be having a silent auction in conjunction with our Family Fun Night. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit our scholarship program. This is our major fundraiser of the school year. If you are interested in donating an item for the auction, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

### Dates to Remember

February 7 – Dining out at Legends Café  
February 18 – No School--President's Day  
February 19 – No School--Teacher Professional Day  
February 22 – Family Fun Night and Silent Auction



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## Women of the ELCA

by Helen Englar

The WELCA of Grace will meet on **Monday, February 18, 2013 at 1:30 pm**. The meeting will include a Bible Study and a short business meeting.





## Financial Report for 2012

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

Income	December 2012	January-December 2012	
General Giving Income	\$ 99,088.66	\$ 682,876.74	
Debt Reduction Income	22,108.00	174,552.89	
Other Income	<u>41,272.44</u>	<u>267,817.26</u>	
Total Income	\$162,469.10	\$1,125,246.89	
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General Expenses	\$ 83,959.07	\$1,000,971.59	*1
Improvements/Capital Expenses	000.00	33,824.50	*2
Debt Reduction	<u>15,775.12</u>	<u>180,458.25</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 99,734.19	\$1,215,254.34	
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<u>\$ 62,734.91</u>	<u>\$ (90,007.45)</u>	

\*1 General Expenses for the year 2012 were budgeted for \$1,103,633

\*2 Capital Expenses for the year 2012 were budgeted for \$30,200

Gifts totaling \$119,126.37 have been transferred to the Mortgage Principal during 2012. These gifts are not reflected in the above statement as they are going directly to the Mortgage Principal.

Beginning with this report, we will be reporting the financial information on a monthly basis, instead of how it was previously reported weekly. We feel the above report is more useful and better reflects our financial position.

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Saturday 12/15/12 – The Fisher House staff in Washington D.C. was very appreciative of the Troop/Pack's donation of the gaming system, particularly at this time of year, as some of the wounded service member's family members that stay at the Fisher House are children. Special Thanks to Sherry for organizing this effort on behalf of the Troop 393 and Cub Pack 393 at Grace Lutheran Church Westminster, MD. On Saturday 12/15/12 Tim, Connor, Ian and Sherry Mullen took the XBOX 360 gaming system and 5 games that were purchased through Troop 393 and Pack 393's donations and fundraising efforts to the Fisher House in Washington D.C.



## A Special Event for Women.....

### ***Fiddler on the Roof* Dinner Theater at Toby's in Columbia** **Sunday Evening, April 21 – \$45.00 per person**

by Pastor Martha



Please invite a friend and join us for a delightful evening of dinner and a live show. The ticket price includes buffet dinner, coffee and tea, dessert, gratuity, and the show. Additional beverages, such as sodas and alcoholic drinks can be purchased separately.

*Fiddler on the Roof* is rich in historical and ethnic detail. *Fiddler* has touched audiences around the world with its humor, warmth and honesty. The universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy, and sadness. You will go away humming those well-loved songs, "If I were a Rich Man," "Sunrise, Sunset," and "Matchmaker." (I bet you are humming them already!!)

Reservations need to be made as soon as possible. **The deadline for making a reservation is Sunday, March 10.** The sooner you can make your reservation, the better it will be. Our count and deposit is due February 18!

Pastor Martha is handling the reservations, so please give checks directly to her or to Dawn and/or Sheilah in the church office. No reservation will be made until a check (or cash) is turned in. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church. If you would like to help sponsor a woman who is not able to pay the entire amount, please talk with Pastor Martha. We'd love to help everyone interested be able to attend. If you need financial help, please let Pastor Martha know.

Transportation will be by car pool and we will be leaving from the Carroll Street parking lot at 4:00pm. Please let Pastor Martha know if you are able to provide transportation and/or if you need transportation.

This will be a fun evening of fellowship, relaxation, and entertainment. Come and enjoy being together with women from Grace.

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### **A Lenten Day of Praying with Watercolors**

by Sharon Glass

Grace's Adult Education Committee is offering an opportunity for adults to enhance their Lenten observance. Artist Karen Brown will lead, "Praying with Watercolors" on Saturday, February 23 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Prayer is communication, sometimes quiet and soft, sometimes joyful and exuberant, sometimes carefully chosen words, sometimes heartfelt pleadings. Throughout history, people have prayed through words, through dance, through meditation, through work, and through play. Prayer is an important part of every spiritual life.

In this workshop, we will explore some Lenten themes by praying with color and image. We will experience scripture using music, guided imagery and storytelling and then bring our responses to the paint and the paper. No art experience is needed. Karen will teach us how to use watercolors and will provide all the supplies.

The cost is \$10 per person (cash or check made payable to Grace Lutheran Church) to be **paid at the time of registration**. Please provide your name, email address and phone number when you register. Each person is asked to bring their own bag lunch. The workshop is limited to 20 people.

Once your paid registration, with the requested information, is received, you will be contacted with additional details.



## **Quiet Evenings Program**

by Sharon Glass

- WHAT:** "Quiet Evenings: Sanctuary, Reflection, Spiritual Practice" Seasonal Offerings at Grace Lutheran Church
- WHEN:** Friday, March 1, 6:30-8:30 pm (note date change)
- WHERE:** Grace Lutheran Church
- WHO:** Quiet Evenings are for anyone 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 begin with a time of entering into a space with quiet music to join one another in a quiet gathering and letting go of the busyness of the day. Join us on a Walking Meditation--a form of meditation in action-- inside Grace (and outside if the weather is comfortable). There will be ample time after our walk for quiet reflection, journaling, an optional time of sharing, and a brief service of prayer to close our evening of quiet.

There is no fee – there will be a basket for a free-will offering. We ask that you let us know that you will attend so we are able to plan accordingly. If you would like to register for the March 1 Quiet Evenings program, please email Dawn Stem at [dstem@gracelc.org](mailto:dstem@gracelc.org) with your name, email address, and best phone number (cell, home, work). You may also provide your information on an RCR card at worship.

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## **Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp 2013**

by Craig Giles

Mar-Lu-Ridge is a year-round outdoor ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Situated in beautiful Catoctin Mountains of central Maryland, we minister through summer camp, retreats, a conference center and a variety of programs offered throughout the year.

We have three open house dates in 2013: Sunday, March 17, Sunday, April 21 and Sunday, June 2. These open houses are for people who are interested in learning more about our summer camp. You will have a chance to meet some of the staff, tour the grounds and facilities, and ask questions from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary, just come and check us out! If those dates do not fit your schedule, please call us at 301-874-5544 to set up a personal tour.

All camps (unless otherwise indicated) begin with registration on Sunday 2:00-4:00pm and end on Friday with departure between 7:30-8:00pm. It is requested that these times be strictly observed.

For more information about the summer camps for 2013, please visit their website at [www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org) or call 1-800-238-9974. Mar-Lu-Ridge is located at 3200 Mar-Lu-Ridge Road, Jefferson, MD 21755. To contact them by email their email address is [mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org](mailto:mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org).

**\*\* 2013 Special Summer Offer:** Send in your registration and down payment of \$130.00 prior to February 15, 2013 and receive \$35.00 off your total camp cost.  
(Discount does not apply to Day Camp registrants.) **\*\***

## Thank You Received from the Tanzania Task Force

December 20, 2012

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran,

Thank you for the generous donation for the Tanzania Task Force's projects. I enclose a picture of well drilling striking water. This 93 year old blind woman was determined to feel the water come to her village. She told her grandson that if he did not take her to "see" the water, she would crawl.

Annie Bunio is making a difference with evangelists as they learn English. Thank you for supporting her rent.

God bless,

Pastor Charles Zang  
Co-Chair TTF



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## **Thank You from Baltimore Lutheran Campus Ministry**



Pastor Laura Sinche, Campus Pastor and Ministry Coordinator wrote a letter to Grace which can be found on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen. In part, Pastor Sinche wrote, "Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,250.50 from a special bequest that you shared with us to support the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry. We depend on donations from individuals and congregations to provide 40% of our budget. Your gift helps us continue this vital ministry among students...."

Pastor Sinche described two ministries in which students are involved. Last spring, a group of 8 students from Towson and Morgan State spent Spring Break sleeping on the floor of a church in Washington, DC while serving people in the neighborhood. In addition to the work they did through various schools and agencies, two of the students took a home-cooked meal each night to a man who sleeps on the church steps. More importantly, they spent hours talking and visiting with him. On campus, students are learning what it means to be the church. They are looking for concrete ways to reach out to those who are not currently a part of the Christian community.

Her letter concludes, "We have the gift of being the Christian community in a culture that wonders whether that community matters anymore. We get to be a witness to the love and challenge of Jesus to those who have never known him and those who have walked away from him. This is vital work for the church and for all God's world. I pray that the hope that I see alive in these student communities, the hope that we find in Jesus, is alive for you this year."

UNITED STATES: *Montana*  
[www.ELCA.org/hunger](http://www.ELCA.org/hunger)

## Hope during hard times

Jason Williams (pictured) had fallen on hard times. He lost hope and didn't know where to turn. All that changed after he visited Family Promise – a ministry in Bozeman, Mont., supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

Family Promise works with homeless families and individuals to tailor personalized plans to help take the necessary steps toward lasting independence.

"I cannot contain the joy the program left me with and continues to instill in me today," says Jason.

Family Promise provided Jason with food, clothing and shelter. He worked with a case manager to get back on his feet and become self-sustainable.

Many lives, including Jason's, have been touched and changed forever with the help of Family Promise. Jason



*Family Promise*

put in a lot of hard work and with a little help, he is back on his feet again.

Jason is thankful for the support he got when he needed it the most. He says, "I am grateful every day for Family Promise!"

Because of the support from people like you, ELCA World Hunger is able to give grants to 350 organizations in the U.S. like Family Promise. Together, we are addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty in communities in the United States and around the world.

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### New Flower Charts for 2013

New flower sign up charts for 2013 are available and are posted on the bulletin boards in the Cloister (for the Sanctuary) and in the Upper Gathering Space (for Grace Hall). Please sign up to help us decorate our worship spaces. The cost is \$36 for either location.



## **February Worship Leaders & Assistants**

### **FEBRUARY 2-3, 2013**

**5:00 pm** – Pat Goldberg, **READER:** Sharon Glass

**7:45 am** – Karen Ganjon

**9:00 am** – Jan Mickey

**Communion Assistants:** Leanne Elliott, Erin Sherlock, Rich Chaney, Don Ludwig, Pete Tabatsko

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

**11:15 am** – Greg Hare

**Acolytes – 5:00 pm** – Taylor Glass Button, **11:15 am** – Haley Hoff

### **FEBRUARY 9-10, 2013**

**5:00 pm** – Kay Betz

**7:45 am** – Dena Hodges

**9:00 am** – Craig Giles

**Communion Assistants:** Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Al Law, Sheila Law, Ted Forman

**Ushers:** Linwood Van Horn, Dave Cox, Wyatt Cox, Pete Tabatsko

**11:15 am** – Vicar Karin Albaugh, **READER:** Karen Ganjon

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Amelia Dowling

### **FEBRUARY 16-17, 2013**

**5:00 pm** – Laura Heller

**7:45 am** – Vicar Karin Albaugh

**9:00 am** – Kathy Rehak

**Communion Assistants:** Vicar Karin Albaugh, Alyson Guerra, Mark Tanzey, Dena Hodges, Leanne Elliott

**Ushers:** Greg Hare, Doris Hare, Barbara Serghini, Bill Comegna

**11:15 am** – Rich Schuster

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Erin Sherlock

### **FEBRUARY 23-24, 2013**

**5:00 pm** – Vicar Karin Albaugh, **READER:** John Baumgardner

**7:45 am** – Pat Goldberg

**9:00 am** – Vicar Karin Albaugh

**Communion Assistants:** JoAnn Murphy, Ron Fairchild, Mandy Kent, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling

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

**11:15 am** – Christian Schneider

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Anna Tschiegg



**Worship  
Assistants**



### **February**

**SANCTUARY AND  
GRACE HALL –**

Hellen Widerman  
and Friend



## February Calendar of Events

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2013**

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013**

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)  
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013**

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  
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)  
4:00 pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Annual Banquet (GH)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)  
7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)  
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, FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

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, FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

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, FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

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, FEBRUARY 8, 2013**

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2013**

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
6:00 pm Valentine's Date Night (101A/B, FH)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013**

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)  
3:00 pm Worship/Communion Assistants Meeting (FH, GH, S)  
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (108)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

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, FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

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, FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service (S)  
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 Ash Wednesday Worship Service (S)  
7:00 pm Internship Committee Meeting (Parlor)  
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013**

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)  
7:00 pm Young Adult Group (J&P Pizza, Westminster)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013**

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2013**

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2013**

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)  
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (108)

(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

## February Calendar of Events (continued)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013

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 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, FEBRUARY 19, 2013

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, FEBRUARY 20, 2013

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 Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service (S)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013

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, FEBRUARY 22, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
 6:00 pm LFOG Family Fun Night (GH, FH, T, UGS)  
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2013

9:00 am Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED (108)  
 9:30 am Lenten Day of Praying with Watercolors (FH, T)  
 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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2013

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)  
 2:30 pm Tea for Grace Members Living at CLV (Garden Terrace)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013

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, FEBRUARY 26, 2013

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, FEBRUARY 27, 2013

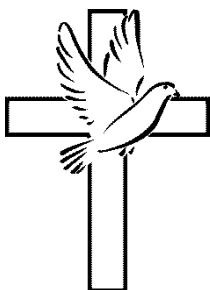
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 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)  
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service (S)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013

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)  
 7:00 pm Young Adult Group (J&P Pizza, Westminster)  
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

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## Personal Notes



### Baptized into the Body of Christ:

1/13/13 – Rose Alice Duncan, daughter of Joshua and Kristina Duncan  
 1/13/13 – Krista Michaela Jenkins, daughter of Keith and Carrie Jenkins  
 1/20/13 – Michael Gavin Lawlor – son of Sean and Cameo Lawlor

### In Memoriam:

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

Family of Charles "Poe" Myers – January 17, 2013  
 Family of Ruth McGinnis-Ensor – January 18, 2013



## February Birthdays

### February 2

Garrett, Ted  
Hood, Camryn  
Miller, Marie  
Welsh-Graham, Lori  
Zepp, Camden

### February 3

Frazier, Sarah  
Helm, Jim  
Heuchert, Ella  
Rill, Linda  
Yarish, Donna

### February 4

Frieze, Michele

### February 5

Lang, Carolyn  
Myers, Jean

### February 6

Cox, Wyatt  
Wiskeman, Carol

### February 7

Bowersox, Paul  
Eyler, Donna  
Kilmer, Amanda

### February 8

Border, Rachel  
Causey, Elinor  
Cooke, Wendy

### February 9

Lewis, Robert  
Zepp, Eileen

### February 10

Dorsey, Tayna  
Hoppe, Matthew  
Palazzo, Nicholas  
Waltz, Donna

### February 12

Collier, Tom  
Kuawogai, Zaka

### February 13

Arbaugh, Irene  
Erikson, Laura  
Luzuriaga, Michael  
Selby, Timothy  
Steinbrenner, Gregory

### February 14

Crabbs, Bonnie  
Lewis, Julia

### February 15

Kemph, Daniel  
Patterson-Jones, Patt  
Paulsen, Ellen

### February 16

Lewis, Kimberly  
Ordway, Shelley

### February 17

Harper, Linda  
Johnson, Charles  
Sick, Caitlin  
Tschiegg, Anna  
VanLaer, Brett

### February 18

Meuse-Cummiskey, Liz  
Steers, Scott

### February 19

Garrett, Charles  
Goetz, Mary Anne

### February 20

Booth, Catherine  
Hoffman, Neal  
Myers, Jim  
Staub, Robin

### February 21

Bachtel, Bethany  
Lau, Zachary

### February 23

Barnes, Adam  
Barnes, Sarah  
Clements, Katherine  
Weaver, O'Ryan

### February 24

Auth, Angela  
Carbaugh, Connie  
Dorsey, Ronald  
Luesse, Veronica  
Venzani, AJ

### February 25

DeCosmo, Jeanne  
Dowling, Amelia  
Moore, Brooklyn  
Ramsey, Sharon

### February 27

Fino, Joseph  
Forman, Cassie  
Mobley, Alyson

### February 28

Henley, Jennifer  
Miller, Miriam  
Walsh, Sheila

### February 29

Englar, Helen  
Wiles, Dustin



**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](mailto: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, Charles Adams, Dennis Baumgardner, Brian Bowersox, Judy Bruchey, Mike Button, Joette Campanello, Helen and John Corbett, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Patricia Fernee, Louis Haydu, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy & Walter Long, Wilda Miller, Dail Pease, Ed Pinder, Grace Rice, Michael Snyder, Jon Strebe

**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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