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Deadline for *April* Grace Notes is Tuesday, March 12. 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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Because of Who You Are

A thought came to me this past weekend as I was in the midst of the distribution of Holy Communion. As recipients came forward to receive the Body of Christ from me I was saying the usual and important words, "The Body of Christ given for you." But after each time, a thought in the form of a silent prayer came unbidden to me, "because of who you are." This little prayer followed after each person so that spoken and unspoken together I was in essence saying, "The Body of Christ given for you because of who you are." It happened Saturday night and then again at each of the services on Sunday morning. This wasn't something I was thinking about but it freely came to me each time the Body of Christ was being offered and received. And I wondered what could this mean?

In pondering my newsletter article for this month I had tried to begin several times focusing on the season of Lent or pondering the wondrous celebration of the coming Easter. But each effort fell short and in the vacuum of ideas that prayer would again surface, "The Body of Christ given for you because of who you are."

In Luther's Small Catechism on the subject of Holy Communion the great reformer commented that sharing in this holy meal "**we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.**" Our Lord Jesus instituted this important meal for the people of God knowing full well who we are—sinners. In the sharing of the meal each of us comes to the table of The Lord, not as some righteous and holy person but as a broken sinner in need of God's forgiveness and love. So often people become confused about what it means to be the Church, the body of Christ. Outsiders complain that the church is full of hypocrites. Insiders complain that fellow members don't agree with me on every point and thus must be rejected. But coming to the table of The Lord we are all the same, broken and hurting from our sins and from the sins of others. When we take, eat, and drink we receive the healing love of God and the forgiveness of our sins.

This Holy Meal doesn't seem like much; a simple meal of bread and wine seems so little and insignificant. Father Meletios Webber wrote that the simplicity of the meal is the result of the Son of God coming to us as to not overwhelm or harm us but to heal us and make us whole. Jesus among us; Jesus in us; Jesus coming to us because of who we are; broken and in need of divine love and forgiveness. It is so easy to point a judging finger at others. It is a sobering reality that each of us needs the presence of Christ who comes to us in our sinfulness and loves us into redemption.

The Body of Christ given to you because you are a lost and broken child of God. You are a child who has failed and you walk among your brothers and sisters who also have failed and fallen short. We come to receive Jesus because of who we are as sinners and for what we need—forgiveness. We return from this sacred encounter as the redeemed children of God prepared to leave the church as the forgiven and empowered people of God. We go out in the world to make Christ's love known because of who we have become.

Peace, Pastor Kevin

Prayer

Where/how did you learn to pray? Has your prayer life matured as you've aged? Do you continue to grow in prayer? Have you given up on prayer (intentionally or unintentionally)?

In a recent chapel service with four year old Little Friends of Grace students, I asked the question, "what can we do to show that we are friends and followers of Jesus?" One of the first answers given was, "we can pray." The wisdom of a four year old is worth hearing!

Prayer is a sign of our faith in Jesus Christ. It is a practice that is a very real part of being a Christian. But really, what is prayer????

I've always been intrigued by 1 Thessalonians 5:17 which reads, "pray without ceasing." That never fit well with the kind of prayer I was taught as a child. How could you pray without ceasing when you needed to bow your head, close your eyes, and fold your hands? Besides that I was taught the practice of prayer by people mostly of German heritage who just wanted you to get to the point and not ramble on!!

Thankfully, I've had many prayer-mentors who helped me learn and grow beyond those first brief monologues presented before God. I've come to believe that we all need to begin with bedtime prayers and meal prayers from which we can learn to expand and grow.

Since I have limited space here in the newsletter, I'd like to share just a few of the thoughts I have about prayer. If you'd like to dialogue further on this topic, I welcome your emails, phone calls, and conversations.

First, as we mature in prayer, we need to move beyond presenting God with a wish-list as if God is the great Santa Claus who can deliver the things that would make us happy. While it is true that Jesus encouraged persistence in approaching God (see Luke 11:5-13), Jesus modeled for us the practice of saying, "yet, not my will, but thy will be done." (see Luke 22:42). Prayer ought to shape us into the people that God would have us be. We aren't convincing God to do it our way, but we are seeking to become more and more what God would have us be.

Secondly, while there is no one "correct" way to pray, prayer does take intentionality. We need space, quiet, and time to truly experience the give and take of communicating with God. Prayer without ceasing begins and is continually nurtured by intentional times of knowing we are in God's presence and that the Holy Spirit is shaping who we are. From there, we can experience what it means to live a life of prayer, moving and living so close to Christ that we are continually in prayer.

Finally, as we grow in our prayer life, we come to realize that prayer is not an individual activity. It isn't about getting your way or being noticed by the Almighty. Rather, prayer is a communal activity in which God's people care for one another, connect with the world around us, and strengthen our relationship with God, our Creator and Redeemer. Prayers of intercession for others take on more and more weight and time while the knowledge that others are praying for us supports and encourages us more than we can say.

One of my favorite evening hymns includes a beautiful image of prayer happening all over the world. Two of the verses say:

As to each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun, here having set,
is waking your children under western skies,
and hour by hour, as day is breaking,
fresh hymns (prayers) of thankful praise arise.

The weeks of Lent provide a great opportunity to renew our commitment to prayer by setting aside a bit more time to be open to the Spirit of God. Join the people of God around the world in speaking and in listening, for God promises to hear and answer our prayers.

Pastor Martha



Heifer International

As of February 11, 2013,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$1,417.80.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a
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***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE***

Pub Theology

by Vicar Karin Albaugh

Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see.

Martin Luther



Join the Young Adult Ministry as we explore topics of faith in a casual atmosphere. We will meet at J&P Pizza (Shoppes at Meadow Creek) the 2nd Thursday this month at 7 p.m. for food, fellowship and conversation. Come, relax, grab a drink and share questions about faith. Please join us at Grace the 4th Thursday this month for Maundy Thursday services.

Paper Recycling

Did you know that money earned by paper recycling at Grace goes directly to support Carroll Lutheran School?

There are two paper recycling bins in the back parking lot to receive newspapers and paper (shredded paper in plastic bags is welcome too). (This company does not want cardboard.)

We have been a site for recycling since 2009. The amount of paper collected and money earned has dropped off in the last year....in 2010, we collected 34.34 tons making \$312.30, while in 2012 we collected 21.50 tons making \$107.55. No doubt the new recycling containers distributed in the Westminster area have had an impact on our collections.

If you are able to drop off your newspapers and other paper recycling when coming to church, it will be greatly appreciated by our partner in ministry, Carroll Lutheran School.

First Communion Classes



Pastor Martha and Leanne Elliott will offer First Communion Classes on Saturdays, March 9, 16, and 23 from 9:00 -10:30 am. Children completing the class will receive their First Communion at the worship service of their choice on Sunday, March 24 which is Passion/Palm Sunday. Please register your child via the RCR card at worship or email Pastor Martha at mclementson@gracelc.org. This class is especially designed for children in grades 2-6 who have not already participated in a class.

The next series of classes will be offered in the fall of 2013.

It isn't too late to register. If your child would like to participate, please contact Pastor Martha at mclementson@gracelc.org.

Traditional Music Notes

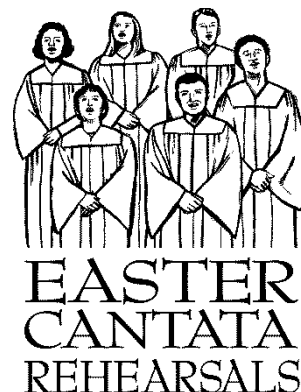
by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

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 Remaining Rehearsal Schedule:

- **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. Remaining schedule:
 - 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.

Women's Night Out Toby's in Columbia Sunday, April 21 - \$45.00 per person



Women from Grace are going together to see *Fiddler on the Roof* at Toby's Dinner Theater on Sunday, April 21. There is still room for more people. Registration deadline is Sunday, March 10. To register, please give a check made out to Grace Lutheran Church to Pastor Martha. We will car pool to the event, so please consider going, even if you don't drive. Please join us for a night of fun and relaxation as we get to know one another.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

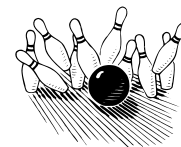
Tubing Fundraiser



Help support the High School Mission Trip by simply SNOW TUBING!!! On **Monday, March 4 from 4-10pm** at Liberty Mountain! All you need to do is pick up a coupon which you can find on the table in the Lower Gathering Space [or at www.gracelc.org under downloadable resources] and present the coupon to the cashier at the Mountain! You will get the group discount of \$21 for 2 hours of tubing and 20% of the profit that night will go to Grace's Mission Trip! Take coupons for friends and family! Anyone can go! I have attached one release form with the coupon. The release form can also be found online at www.gracelc.org under downloadable resources or through Liberty Mountain Resorts website. The form must be signed by a parent or guardian if the child is under 18. Children under 5 have unlimited kiddie tubing for just \$9!

Glow Bowling

ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH BOYS...Dave Cox and Will Bowman will be taking the boys **Glow Bowling** on **Saturday March 9, 2013** while the girls are away at the Revolve Tour! Bowling is just \$10 and will be from 7:30-9:30! You will leave Grace at 7pm. Please RSVP to Dave Cox or Will Bowman by Sunday March 3!



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.



Wanted: Games for Ardent Folk

by Judy Reilly



We are looking for **sturdy** board games, especially Checkers, plus easy card games (Old Maid, Uno) for the Ardent Folk weekly community dinner. Our neighbors and their children enjoy participating in these activities while waiting for the meal to be served. Questions? Contact Pat Goldberg or Judy Reilly through the church office or drop your donation off at the Ardent Folk mailbox. Many thanks!

March Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar



A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Monday, March 25 from 2-8 p.m. in Grace Lutheran Church. Please call or e-mail Emma Jane Weishaar to schedule an appointment at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net.

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



2013/2014 Registration

Registration for the 2013/2014 school year is currently in progress. We have classes for children ages two through four for the upcoming school year. If you are interested please call Anita at 410-848-7020 to set up an appointment to visit.



MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant

Once again this year Little Friends of Grace has been approved for the MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant. We have not been informed of our actual dollar amount. We will be using these funds to purchase another three-year old curriculum. This is a wonderful benefit for our program; we are looking forward to choosing resources to use in the classroom.

Family Fun Night

Our sixth annual Family Fun Night was held on Friday, February 22. Our theme this year was family game night. There were board games, minute to win it games as well as craft activities. Doodle the Clown visited us again and made special balloon sculptures. An ice cream social topped off the evening. We also had a silent auction to raise money for the scholarship fund. We would like to thank the volunteers who spent many hours organizing this event.

Carroll Food Sunday

We will continue to collect items for Carroll Food Sunday throughout the remainder of the school year. During the month of March we will be collecting cereal and breakfast foods.

Easter Holiday/Parent-Teacher conferences

LFOG will be closed March 28, 29 and April 1 for the Easter Holiday. Conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 2 and 3. The preschool will be closed for students these days.

Dining Out

Our March Dining Out will be at Hoffman's Ice Cream and Deli Store on March 26 from 11:00am-9:00pm. Hoffman's will donate 20% of all sales that day except for cigarettes. Look for a flyer on the website.

Hersheypark

It's that time of year again to think about the "Sweetest Place on Earth". Discount tickets will be available again. Forms will be in the announcements in March and are due back by April 3. Please call Anita if you have any questions.

Walkers Wanted

by Yvonne Aasen



God gave us long muscles in our legs for walking and short muscles in our hands for writing checks. That's why we're looking for walkers to walk five miles in the **Carroll County CROP Hunger Walk** to be held Sunday afternoon, April 21, starting and ending at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 200 Main Street, New Windsor.

Walkers will be looking for **sponsors** to make donations (please make checks payable to CWS/CROP) to raise money for Church World Service. Twenty-five percent (25%) of funds raised will be returned to support our local agencies: Carroll County Food Sunday, Access Carroll and Shepherd's Staff. Information: Yvonne Aasen, 410-848-1235, yaasen2@verizon.net.



Women of the ELCA
by Helen Englar



The WELCA of Grace will meet on Monday, March 18 at 1:30pm in the Library. It will be a meeting for assessments, planning and a bit of fun.

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The theme for the World Day of Prayer Service is *"I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me."* The service was written by women from France. The World Day of Prayer Service will be held in Krug Chapel at Carroll Lutheran Village on Friday, March 1 at 2:00 pm.

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Church Women United in Carroll County is sponsoring a bus trip to see *"Noah"* at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, April 30 at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$95 which includes the charge for the bus, lunch and the show. A tip will be taken for the bus driver and that is not included in the \$95 cost. Reservations should be made as soon as possible if you are interested in going. Call Mary Jane Graf at 410-374-4478 to reserve your seat. Money for the trip is due by March 15. The check should be made payable to "CWU in Carroll County" and mailed to Mary Jane Graf, 5115 S. Church Street, Lineboro, MD 21102.

Rill's Bus Service will provide the transportation for the trip. The bus will pick up at the following locations:

9:00 am	Grace Lutheran Church Parking Lot, Westminster
9:30 am	Lazarus United Church of Christ, Lineboro

Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet Program
by Laura Heller

In order to assist those who cannot afford to purchase everyday necessities, we are collecting items for the Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet Program. Please consider purchasing one or more of these items. Collection boxes can be found in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces.

Donations include: bathroom tissue, laundry detergent, trash bags, all-purpose cleaner (25-28oz bottle), dish soap (16oz bottle), shampoo (22-30oz bottle), deodorant, bath soap, toothpaste, feminine hygiene and diapers (children & adult).

Disaster Response Mission Team
by Laura Heller



In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, there is a great deal of clean-up and rebuilding to accomplish. Grace Lutheran is looking for a volunteer to lead our Disaster Response Mission Team. No special skills are needed; just a desire to serve and you will receive training and support. If you are interested in volunteering or would just like additional information, please contact Pastor Kevin or Laura Heller at lheller1@msn.com or 443-291-6044.

Financial Report for January 2013

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

JANUARY, 2013

Income

General Giving Income	\$ 47,171.12
Debt Reduction Income	12,383.00
Other Income	<u>25,121.89</u>
Total Income	\$ 84,676.01

FINANCIAL REPORT



Expenditures

General Expenses	\$ 92,952.10	*1
Improvements/Capital Expenses	000.00	*2
Debt Reduction	<u>15,775.12</u>	*3
Total Expenses	\$108,727.22	

Net Income/Loss (\$ 24,051.21)

- *1 General Expenses for the year 2013 were budgeted at \$1,120,917
- *2 Capital Expenses for the year 2013 were budgeted at \$25,805
- *3 Debt Reduction Expenses for the year 2013 were budgeted at \$189,301

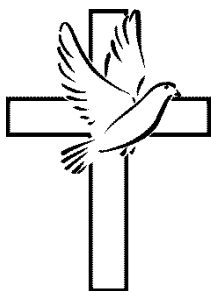
Gifts totaling \$13,144.05 have been transferred to the Mortgage Principal during January 2013. These gifts are not reflected in the above statement as they are going directly to the Mortgage Principal. The Principal balance on the Mortgage as of January 31, 2013 is \$2,039,993.

As you can see we are starting the year out in a negative position. Stewardship is very important as we carry out our mission here at Grace. We need to make sure we continue our giving for the remainder of the year. **He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**

In His Service,

F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

Personal Notes



In Memoriam:

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

- Family of Joanne Durm (sister of George Conover) – January 25, 2013
- Family of Robert Hazen (father of Randy Hazen) – January 31, 2013
- Family of Wilda Miller – February 10, 2013
- Family of Elizabeth Fritz – February 11, 2013
- Family of Franklin Deardorff (brother of Alice Lockard; cousin of Ted Deardorff) – February 26, 2013

Quiet Evenings – March 1 from 6:30-8:30pm



Mark your calendar for the next Quiet Evening offered here at Grace. This is a wonderful opportunity to step away from the noise and responsibilities of daily living. Do you have something you've been carrying on your heart? Are you searching for God's guidance? Do you just need to take a breath??? Quiet Evenings give time and space for communication with God!

What is it like? Quiet Evenings begin in the Sanctuary as you enter into a space with quiet music and then join one another in a quiet gathering and letting go of the busyness of the day. On

March 1, you will be invited to join in a Walking Meditation – a form of meditation in action – inside Grace (and outside if the weather is comfortable). There will be time after our walk for quiet reflection, journaling, and 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. You are welcome to come at the last minute, but if you know you are going to attend, we ask that you sign the RCR card at worship so we can plan accordingly.



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, Trudy Hirt, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Mary Ruth Mason, Donald and Nancy Michael, Evelyn Nevius, Virginia Sparrow, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Marion Bauman, Dennis Baumgardner, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Joette Campanello, Gregory Carswell, Janet Clingan, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Samuel Aaron Hively, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy & Walter Long, Family of Duane McConnell, Brian Miller, Kay O'Hara, Dail Pease, Ed Pinder, Grace Rice, Susie Saffron, Baby Mason T. Stansbury, Deborah Stump, Evan Lyle Thompson

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.*

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

We continue to observe the season of Lent each weekend throughout the month of March. Midweek Worship Services on Wednesday evenings help us grow more deeply in our relationship with Christ. Soup Suppers are offered at 6:00 followed by worship services at 7:00 on March 6, 13 & 20.

Sunday, March 24 – On Saturday evening (5:00) and Sunday morning (7:45, 9:00 and 11:15) we celebrate Palm Sunday, Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem and prepare for the events of the week by observing Passion Sunday as well. First Communion will be celebrated by a number of our children during these worship services.

Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 – Service of Healing.

Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 – Maundy Thursday Service includes celebration of Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar.

Friday, March 29 Crosswalk at 11:00 – Begins at the Westminster Church of the Brethren (1 Park Place – just off of Bond Street) and proceeds to Ascension Episcopal Church where a worship service is held at 12:00. Pastor Kevin and Pastor Martha participate in this walk as well as many people from Grace. It is truly an intergenerational and interdenominational event! Please join us.

Friday, March 29 at 7:00 – Good Friday Service at Grace observing the Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30 at 5:00 – Easter Weekend Worship Service – This service is unique because it is a weekend service but comes the evening before Easter. The service begins with a more solemn Lenten tone and ends with Easter light and joy!

Sunday, March 31 – 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15 – Easter Worship Services will be joyful celebrations of our Lord's resurrection. All of the worship services are filled with decorations, music and a message that reminds us of God's victory and promises in Jesus' resurrection.

Sunday, April 7 – All Grace Service at 10:00 – This worship service includes the Easter Cantata. The Saturday evening service will be held as well.

Attention Married Couples ...



Time is running out to sign up for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter spring weekend. Only a couple of openings remain for the March 15-17 Weekend in State College; however, we do still have openings for the April 26-28 Weekend at the motel-style retreat center at the Lutheran Camp Sequanota. Couples tell us that when they enter this beautiful 400-acre wooded campground, a feeling of peace and serenity embraces them as they leave all the stresses of the world behind. NOW is the time to register for a Weekend to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty God intended. Sessions run from Friday night at 8PM

and end Sunday around 5PM. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging and 5 meals for each of you are included. Registrations are also currently being taken for the **fall Weekends: September 13-15, 2013 at Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center in Ludlow or October 11-13, 2013 at Mountain Laurel Resort in the Poconos.** To sign up for a Weekend, 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.

An Invitation from Legacy Circle of Grace



Legacy Circle of Grace Members, Pastors Martha & Kevin Clementson, Elaine & George Conover, Karen & Gary Ganjon, Neal & Nancy Hoffman, Linda & Richard Humbert, Ed & Becky Leister, Lois & Dave McGinnis, Gail & Don Myers, Ilona R. Ries, Donna & John Yarish, and four members who wish to remain anonymous invite you to join us and become members of Legacy Circle of Grace in 2013.

The Stewardship Committee together with the Legacy Circle of Grace Committee is pleased to host our second annual **"PLANNING FOR TODAY & TOMORROW"** informational presentation on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 9 to 10:30 am in the Theater at Grace Lutheran Church. Damian Halstad and Neal Hoffman, attorneys from the firm of Hoffman, Comfort, Offutt, Scott & Halstad, LLP will provide the program. Light refreshments will be served. Damian and Neal will be available afterwards to answer any private questions or concerns. They will cover the importance of having a Will, a Durable Power of Attorney, and an Advanced Medical Directive as well as changes in the law regarding Estate Planning. Sign up on the RCR card at worship or call the church office 410-848-7020 to reserve your space.

Plans are being made to present a 1 hour presentation entitled **"REAL MONEY TALK FOR WOMEN"** on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 9 am, location TBD. Women Live Longer and Other Reasons to Manage Your Finances will be covered. Fact is, women have a 90% chance of being solely responsible for their finances at some point in their lives. They also need to save 25% more for retirement than men.

Our 2nd Annual Legacy Members Celebration Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 19 beginning at 6 pm following the 5 pm worship service. New members will receive their keepsake wood replica of Grace Lutheran Church during the evening. For information on becoming a member of Legacy Circle of Grace, pick up our brochure; talk with the Pastors, any council member, or Legacy Circle of Grace Committee member: George Conover, Karen Ganjon, Neal Hoffman, Don Ludwig, or Ed Leister.

On October 13, 2012, Charlie Beckhardt, President, and Congregation Council stated: "What you are doing in your generosity is more than a bequest – It's a belief. Your example testifies to your belief in our shared mission that is ongoing and necessary, and in our God who is active with us in this mission – today, tomorrow, and always."

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.

March Worship Leaders & Assistants

MARCH 2-3, 2013

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Michele Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Chad Plendl, Bill Comegna, Sue Roach, Vicar Karin Albaugh, Donna Kent

Ushers: Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, Michele Krichinsky, Jamie Krichinsky

11:15 am – Charlie Beckhardt

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

MARCH 9-10, 2013

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss, Maddie Lichtfuss

7:45 am – Pat Goldberg

9:00 am – Jamie Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Vicar Karin Albaugh, Sharon Glass, Pete Morano, Dotti Morano, Don Hodges

Ushers: Perry Crawl, Nancy Taylor, Chuck Lowman, Tammy Lowman

11:15 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

MARCH 16-17, 2013

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Evelyn Babylon

9:00 am – Paul Whitson

Communion Assistants: Ann Thomas, Sandra Harrison, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Taylor Glass Button

Ushers: Nathan Dowling, Linwood Van Horn, Brian Sherfey, Barbara Serghini

11:15 am – Viera Sabol, **READER:** Leonard Cherry

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

MARCH 23-24, 2013 – PALM SUNDAY



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

7:45 am – Craig Giles

9:00 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

Communion Assistants: Harold Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Chad Plendl, Stacey Tanzey, Erin Sherlock

Ushers: Greg Hare, Doris Hare, Dave Cox, Wyatt Cox

11:15 am – Kara Schuster

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg



March

**SANCTUARY AND
GRACE HALL –**

Evelyn Babylon
Caroline Babylon

March Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2013

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 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)
12:15 pm Ardent Folk Special Dinner (L)
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class (108)

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013

3:30 pm Snow Tubing (Liberty Mountain)
4:00 pm Tubing Fundraiser (Liberty Mountain)
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, MARCH 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, MARCH 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)
6:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)
7:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship (S)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MARCH 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)
7:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (108)
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
6:30 pm Fundraiser Dinner hosted by Rescue Mission (GH, UGS)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013

6:00 am Leaving for REVOLVE Tour (Philadelphia, PA)
9:00 am First Communion Class (FH, L)
9:00 am Stephen Ministry Training Class (108)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
7:30 pm Glow Bowling for Junior/Senior High Boys (Thunderhead)

SUNDAY, MARCH 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)
11:30 am Workers Lunch for the Homeless (FH)
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
3:30 pm Return from REVOLVE Tour (Philadelphia, PA)

MONDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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 Internship Committee Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 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 Mid-Week Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)
7:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship (S)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013

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 New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)
7:00 pm Young Adult Group (J&P Pizza, Westminster)
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2013

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013

9:00 am First Communion Class (FH, L)
10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)



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(T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper
Gathering Space (LGS) Lower Gathering Space
(MR) Music Room (L) Library

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SUNDAY, MARCH 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)
 2:00 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (GH)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (108)

MONDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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, MARCH 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 Mid-Week Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship (S)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 6:00 pm LFOG Board Meeting (107)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2013

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013 – PALM SUNDAY

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)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)



MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013

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)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MARCH 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 Evangelism Committee (LGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 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)
 7:00 pm Service of Healing (S)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MARCH 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 Maundy Thursday Service (S)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 11:00 am Good Friday Crosswalk (begins at Brethren Church)
 7:00 pm Good Friday Service (S)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2013

5:00 pm Easter Weekend Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2013 – EASTER SUNDAY

7:45 am Traditional Easter Worship (S)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 9:00 am Praise Easter Worship (GH)
 11:15 am Traditional Easter Worship (S)



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March Birthdays

March 1

Dorsey, Troy
Gilbart, Sophie
Grigg, Sophie
Markle, Mildred
Seabolt, Carolyn
Whitcomb, Amanda

March 2

Baltzell, Joan
Meyers, Beth

March 3

Blomster, Tiffani
Helt, Darlene
Kurland, Kaylie

March 4

Bradfield, Nancy
Davis, Nicole
Gressieux, Kathy
Kurland, Samantha
Piisila, Makai
Schaeffer, Elizabeth
Strevig, Mark

March 5

Bancroft, Kensi
Bowman, Debra
Martin, Linda

March 6

Bowersox, Janet
Davis, Ashley
Hare, Doris
Johns, Anna
Luesse, Nicholas
Ryan, Shelly
Steers, John
Stonestreet, Janice
Zechman, Ruth

March 7

Glass, Sharon
Huffman, Luke
Humbert, Richard
Jones, Grace
Turfle, Arleda

March 8

Oddis, Dustin

March 9

Bowers, Brayden
Capece, Daniel
Cook, Julia
Eppler, Lindsey
Horton, Landen
McCormick, Meagan
Roach, Owen

March 10

Giles, Jeffrey
Hertsch, Stephen

March 11

Bachtel, Susan
Jenkins, Fred

March 12

Johnson, Barbara
Martin, Brittany

March 13

Campbell, Jaden
Sherfey, Kyle

March 14

Colbert, Corey
Crews, Tim
Oswald, Anita
Pease, Arthur
Pringle, Jeff

March 15

Baker, Kara
Cox, David
Hoppe, Michael

March 16

Arbaugh, Kim
Buttner, Ben
Good, Maurice
Luesse, Mark
Luzuriaga, Nancy
Monka, Jonathan
Nixon, Zachary
Terry, Ellen

March 17

Alvarez, Allie
Burk, Sean
Dix, Kati
Leister, Edward
Pickett, Stacey
Spittel, Anna
Wilson, Haley

March 18

Holmes, Elaine
Hutting, Virginia
Loscomb, Jordan
Martin, Catherine
Schaeffer, Samuel

March 19

Chaney, Michael
Day, Lucas
Lentzner, William
Marley, Jordan

March 20

DeGreif, Jacob
Lichtfuss, Maddie
Meinecke, Rose Ann
Sharkey, Anthony
Wiles, Sharon

March 21

Spears, Patricia

March 22

Borleis, Chris
Mancha, Thomas
McGinnis, Dave

March 23

Ellis El, Haley
Fletcher, Thomas
Suder, Nancy
Weaver, Candy

March 24

Bream, Sherri-Le
Carr, Sterling
Forman, Ted
Lentzner, Keith
Patton, Nancy

March 25

Myers, Gail
Roth, Claire
Tabatsko, Pete

March 26

Leutner, Lauren
Miller, Brittany
Null, Nancy
Sherfey, Brian
Warehime, Elizabeth

March 28

Bair, Alex
Gosaguio, Cheryl
Karlson, Anna
London, Elle
Roth, Chloe
Wilson, Reed

March 29

Bowen, Lori
Gardner, Logan

March 30

Allred, Dylan
Arbaugh, Lee
Baker, Judy

March 31

Burk, Owen
Dietz, Mary
Lowell, Brianna
Walsh, Vernon



EASTER FLOWERS TO DECORATE OUR CHURCH

Deadline to Order: **Monday, March 18, 2013**

*This year we will again be decorating the Sanctuary and Grace Hall with lilies, tulips and azaleas for Easter.
Spring flowers are a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one for Easter.*

_____ (qty.) Lilies x \$10/each = _____
 _____ (qty.) Tulips x \$10/each = _____
 _____ (qty.) Azaleas x \$10/each = _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church, Memo line: Easter Flowers

*Submit form to office through collection plate, mail, or by dropping off. Form can also be downloaded off website
 (www.gracelc.org) and emailed to Sheilah Keefer at skeefe@gracelc.org.*

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I will leave flower(s) for a shut-in _____

I will pick up flower(s) _____

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