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Deadline for *May*

**Grace Notes is Tuesday,
April 16. 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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Not Just Ancient History

As I write this article, many eyes are on Rome....the Cardinals have just entered the conclave to elect a new pope. By the time you read this article, we will know who is elected. Although as Lutherans and part of the Reformed Tradition of the church, we don't look to the pope as sole leader, we still are interested in the outcome of this election because the leader of the Roman Catholic Church is the most visible leader of Christianity here on earth. What people know about Christianity often is shaped by the tone and direction set by the pope.

What is the church? Does the church have the authority to speak for God? If so, how do we make sense of the reality that the church doesn't always speak with a unified voice?

The best way to address these kinds of questions (which are very relevant today), is to go back to the beginning. The Book of Acts, the companion volume to the Gospel of Luke, tells us about the very beginning of the Christian Church here on earth. It takes us back to the days after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension to tell us how Jesus' mission was to continue even in his absence. From these early beginnings come many of our beliefs and practices to this day.

I love how Trinity Lutheran Seminary Professor Mark Allan Powell describes this writing. "The book of Acts has everything but dinosaurs. It's got earthquakes, shipwrecks, avenging angels, harrowing escapes, riots, murder plots, political intrigue, courtroom drama and so much more. The book of Acts tells the story of the early Christian church with all the flair of an exciting adventure novel. Things start out rather calm – constant prayer and some business to attend to—then the Holy Spirit comes roaring into the room, igniting the pious with tongues of fire and causing them to behave in ways that lead onlookers to think they're drunk. From that point on, we know we are in for a bumpy ride." (Introducing the New Testament)

This spring, beginning after Easter and extending just past Pentecost, I will be leading a Bible Study focused on the book of Acts. It is a great time of year to think about the birth of the church, its role in the world, and our participation in it. We will explore topics such as the Holy Spirit, community, idolatry, prayer, justice, salvation and much more!! I invite you to share in this study on six consecutive Wednesday evenings, beginning on April 17. Class will be held from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Unfortunately, due to things already scheduled on week day

mornings, I'm not going to be able to hold a morning class this time around. I really am sorry about that!)

Please consider joining in the study of this exciting part of Scripture. You can register at worship via the RCR card or by emailing me at mclementson@gracelc.org. I would appreciate hearing from you if you plan to attend. If you are not able to attend the study, I encourage you to add the book of Acts to your reading this spring! Acts takes us back to the beginning of what continues to be God's powerful presence in the world today.

Pastor Martha

Hand Towels in the Offering Plate?!?



The Gospel of Mark tells us that Jesus proclaimed, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;" In Luke Jesus sends out the 72 with a message "The Kingdom of God has come near you." The Bible is filled with messages that God is very present in our world and in our lives. Should it come as any surprise that in a million different ways God is constantly reaching out to us? On a recent Sunday service the offering was collected and in the offering plate besides the usual offerings of money there came a set of hand towels. As Pastor Martha set the offering plates on the back table I thought it quite odd to see dish towels in the offering plate. I wondered what that was all about. Throughout the creed and the prayers of the Church I continued to wonder about this rather odd contribution. Then it struck me that I was looking at what might best be described as a visual parable. A towel is a sign of service within the Church; a sign of hands-on ministry.

Often faith and ministry are a much more comfortable affair if we can keep it at a distance. Early in my ministry I was involved in the relocation and building of a new church building. Two congregations both located in dying old industrial towns where poverty and decay were transforming the landscape were able to find several acres of ground on the outskirts of town where there were newer homes and we were off the beaten path. Before our move it was a daily occurrence for people in

need to stop at our doors asking for some sort of help; after our move the parade of people was reduced to that odd knock on the door a few times a year. At first it was so much easier to gather in some money and send it off to other churches who continued to meet the needs of the poor and struggling. But soon we began to realize that there was something missing in the life and ministry of the Church; we had ceased to be a servant church.

A very powerful vision of Jesus' ministry takes place when Jesus is with his disciples that last night before his crucifixion. In John's gospel we have the scene where Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. "He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet." Later on Jesus will say to his disciples, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." The towel around Jesus waist becomes a powerful symbol of loving service to others. This is the kind of love that occasionally requires us to get our hands dirty.

I think about the image of those hand towels in the offering plate; a sign that we are to not only offer our money to the Lord but we are to also give of ourselves in loving service to others who are in need of God's love. Towels in the plate are a sign from God that he also needs us to give of ourselves to make his love real in the world. Here is a sign that calls us to not only give of our financial resources but to also give of our lives, to step outside of the comfort of our defined lives and embrace a hurting world with the healing love of God.

Towels in the Offering Plate! What calling does this parable of service mean for your life? If you were to tie a towel around your waist what might you be called to do in your life? Towels in the Offering Plate! I wonder if one of them is meant for you?

Peace,
Pastor Kevin



Heifer International

As of March 11, 2013,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$1,892.62.



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

***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 1st and 4th Thursdays in April at 7 p.m. for food, fellowship and conversation. Come, relax, grab a drink and share questions about faith.

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.

Welcome to the Lord's Table



On Sunday, March 24, eight more young people received Holy Communion with us here at Grace Lutheran Church. We welcome them as they share in this precious gift of Christ. They are: Zach Barnes, Abigail Marie Burk, Riley Patrick Connelly, Megan Harman, Theresa Marie Harrod, Turner Ethan Ruff, Mason Alexander Smith, and Jackson Steinbrenner. Congratulations to each of these young people!!

The next First Communion class will be held in the fall of 2013.

Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

A special thank you goes out this month to all of those who actively participated in our widely-varied music program this Lent and Easter season. Music is a very intimate and powerful medium of expressing Jesus' dying and rising. Music is also a great gift from God and it is gratifying to be able to offer this gift back on a regular basis.

We do still have one event to close this special season.

The Cross, an Easter cantata by Robert Lau, will be performed at the 10am All Grace worship service in Grace Hall on Sunday, April 7, by the Chancel, Festival, and Luther Choirs with soloists, narrators and Akaloo Kids. Please do not miss this extraordinary event as we ponder Jesus' final days and Resurrection through word and music.

Easter Cantata Remaining Rehearsal Schedule:

- **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)**



Pot Luck and Song

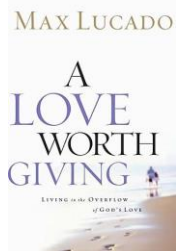
Spring is right around the corner and that's a sure sign that Pot Luck and Song is returning!!!

Pot Luck and Song is a monthly gathering of congregational members and friends held on the last Wednesday of the month, April – October. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy a covered dish dinner and then join in singing some of our favorite hymns. We conclude between 7:15 and 7:30p.m. It is a short evening, but filled with fun, laughter, good/no make that great food, music and prayer. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends.

Participants are invited to bring something to share – a casserole, salad, dessert, bread, etc. Sometimes those of us who work get short on time and we bring a pizza or chicken or some other kind of take out. If you are unable to bring a dish, that's okay too....there is always plenty of food!!!

Please join us any month on the last Wednesday. [Those who are participating in Pastor Martha's Bible Study on Acts are invited to come to dinner and then meet in the Library for class at 7:00 since these two events overlap this month only!]

Thursday Evening Book Club



After a break for Lent, the Thursday Evening Book Club will begin again on April 11. We will be reading "A Love Worth Giving" by Max Lucado.

Max Lucado is a well-known and prolific writer who helps Christians think about the more important aspects of life. In "A Love Worth Giving," Max addresses the challenge of loving people who are difficult to love and maintaining relationships in which someone is difficult to care for. Conventional wisdom says that a lack of love implies a lack of effort, so we dig deeper and strain more. Often that doesn't change a thing!! Max says we might be missing a step...The secret to loving is living loved. Come and learn more!!!!

The cost of the book is \$5.00. Please see Pastor Martha for a book. Participants are asked to read chapters one – four for April 11.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott



On **APRIL 26-27, 2013** the high school youth of Grace along with youth from both Calvary Lutheran Church in Mt. Airy and Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Westminster will fast for 30 hours for Hunger during World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. This event is to raise awareness about hunger throughout the world and raise money to send to World Vision to help fight hunger. There are over 925 MILLION hungry people in the world which comes down to 1 out of every 7 people alive! Children throughout the world ages 5 years old or younger account for 33% of all deaths as a result of hunger. This is outrageous to us and we want to stand up and fight against this injustice! For just \$1 we can feed a child for a day, \$30 will feed one child for a month, \$360 is enough to feed a child for an entire year, and \$720 will feed two children for a year! Every penny counts! Grace has set a goal to raise **\$5,400** and I think with your help we can reach our goal! If you would like to donate please go online to <http://support.worldvision.org/goto/gracelc> and donate or you can write a check made out to World Vision and turn it in to Leanne Elliott. Help us feed **15 kids** for just **1 year!**



April 28 will be Carroll Lutheran School Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church

Carroll Lutheran School (CLS) is a private Christian school serving students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade in Westminster, Maryland. CLS offers a proven and accredited academic curriculum supported by faith and supplemented with activities that produce well-rounded students and future citizens, in keeping with its mission: *"We, as disciples of Jesus Christ, will create a quality education in a Lutheran environment where the love of Christ will be proclaimed through the integration of faith and life."*

On April 28 at the 9:00 and 11:15 Worship Services, we will have the joy of hearing a group of students from CLS sing and Sophie Gilbert, one of our own members and a student at CLS will speak briefly. Information about the school will be available (you can find information anytime at <http://www.carrolllutheranschool.org>). Containers will be available in the back of our worship spaces if you wish to make a special donation to help support the ministry of Carroll Lutheran School.

Faith & Life: A 3 Day Exploration

Grace Lutheran Church and Carroll Lutheran Village are joining together to provide a three day adventure for older adults (you decide what older means....it will be fun for all adults!). It will be held at Belle Cedars at CLV on Monday, May 20, Wednesday, May 22, and Friday, May 24. Each day begins with coffee and tea at 9:30 a.m. The program happens from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm. Activities include study, music, art, film, food and fun.

Elissa Streaker and Pastor Martha are heading up the planning of this event. If you have ideas and/or would like to help in the planning, please contact one of them. We'd love to have your help!

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

preschool registration



2013/2014 Registration

Registration for the 2013/2014 school year is continuing. We are offering classes for ages two through five for the upcoming school year. If you are interested please call Anita at 410-848-7020 to set up an appointment to visit.



Family Fun Night

We had a wonderful evening on Friday, February 22. Family Game Night was our theme; we played "Minute to Win It" games and good old-fashioned board games along with a few crafts and face painting. Pizza was available for sale but the highlight of the evening was the ice cream sundae bar! Doodle the Clown was well visited by the children for his balloon creations. We had a very successful silent auction, raising \$2,340.00 to benefit our scholarship program; Thrivent Financial Services will match a portion of our monies.

MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant

In late February we were informed that we would be receiving \$4,881.32 in grant monies through this program. We will purchase another three-year old curriculum and the remainder will be divided among the classrooms. This is our seventh year participating in this program through which we have been able to receive many wonderful supplies.

Field trips

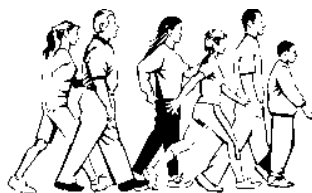
Our three-year olds will be visiting Belisimo's in Finksburg to learn how to make a pizza. The pre-K four-year olds will be going to the Maryland Agricultural Resource Center (MARC) in Cockeysville to learn about plants.

Conferences and Easter Holiday

We will be having spring conferences on April 2 and 3. The preschool will be closed March 28, 29 and April 1 for the Easter holiday. **We wish everyone a Happy Easter!**

Carroll County Crop Hunger Walk

by Yvonne Aasen



CROP Hunger Walk

We're looking for more Walkers and many, many sponsors for the Carroll County CROP Hunger Walk to be held Sunday afternoon, April 21, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 200 Main Street, New Windsor. Registration begins at 1:30pm for the out-and-back 5-mile walk on Route 75 at 2:00pm.

CROP Walkers will ask sponsors for donations (in advance of the walk) to raise money for relief abroad and in the U.S. through Church World Service (CWS). **Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP.** Twenty-five percent (25%) of funds raised will be returned to Carroll County to support our local agencies: Carroll County Food Sunday, Access Carroll and Shepherd's Staff.

Walkers, please see Jan Mickey to sign on for your CROP WALK envelope or reach her at 410-775-7788 or jmickey52@yahoo.com.

Fellowship Committee Crew Members Wanted

by Johanna Monka

The Fellowship Committee has been busy planning events for the remainder of the year. To make these events a success we need a few volunteers to become part of our "Fellowship Crew." The crew would help with food prep, set up and clean up on the day of the event. We need help approximately 6 times a year and there will be no meetings to attend. If you would like to volunteer contact Jo Monka at 410-409-1111 or email johanna.monka@gmail.com.

Cinco de Mayo is Coming!

by Johanna Monka

Join us on Sunday, May 5 from 1-3 pm for Taco's and Festivities to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Stay for the Congregational Meeting or come back and join us for lunch.

Cost: \$5.00/person (\$20/family of 4 or more)

All are welcome! Please respond by RCR card at weekend worship services if you plan to attend.



Save the Date!

by Johanna Monka



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Friday June 28 – Men's Night Out.

Enjoy a time of fun and fellowship at the Frederick Keys Game.....GUYS ONLY! Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Mobile Mar-Lu-Ridge Day camp



It's back! Mobile Mar-Lu-Ridge Day Camp will be hosted at Grace again **June 17-21 from 9am-3:30pm!** We will be partnering with Jerusalem Lutheran Church and St. Benjamin's Lutheran Church to offer kids who have completed Kindergarten through the 6th grade an awesome week of games, crafts, stories, and adventure with counselors from Mar-Lu-Ridge! The cost is only **\$50/camper** for the week! We will be offering **BEFORE & AFTER CARE** at Grace from 8-9am and 3:30-4:30pm for an additional **\$10/camper** for the week! We are also looking for volunteers; if you are interested please fill out the Volunteer Registration Form! You can find the Flyer, Registration Form, and Volunteer Registration Form online at www.gracelc.org! Registration will close on **APRIL 15** so please turn in your form and money to Leanne ASAP! Questions? Contact Leanne Elliott at lelliott@gracelc.org

or 410-848-7020.



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Wouldn't you just know it, that as soon as I stick my head out of the mud, somebody would call for snow? "Never trust a groundhog," my mother told us. Well spring must be here by now and I need to get my feet a move'n. I haven't eaten in months. How about you?

Already I know this is going to be a busy year. I overheard that Social Ministry was discussing an ark last fall as I was digging in. The last time an ark was talked about, my great, great grandfather was carried on board. He told us about all the rain that seemed never to end and the kind family that fed him and all sorts of other creatures daily.

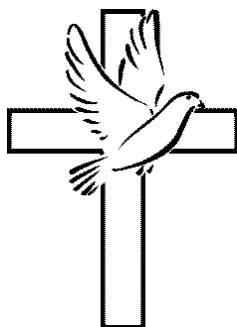
The ELCA reported that the **malaria death rate is showing signs of slowing**, thanks to global efforts, including your contributions. Fewer children are dying of malaria. While still unacceptable, today a child dies every 60 seconds from malaria rather than last year's rate of every 45 seconds or every 30 seconds 2½ years ago. I'll have more information about this as the months go on and how you and I can help.

Oh yea, I almost forgot... Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church received an Honors Certificate for Blankets + from Church World Service in January of this year, congratulations.

We'll chat when it gets a little warmer, stay inside...

Timmy

Personal Notes



Baptized into the Body of Christ:

3/17/13 – Theresa Marie Harrod, daughter of Michael and Michelle Harrod

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Dale Boyles – February 25, 2013

Family of baby Mason T. Stansbury (grandson of Wade and Janet Shrader;
great-grandson of Tom and Carolyn Collier) – February 26, 2013

Family of Ruth M. Wachter (aunt of Randy Landy) – February 28, 2013

Family of Louise G. Myers – March 5, 2013

Family of Brenda Haines (mother of Stacy Bowman) – March 8, 2013

Family of Adolf W. "Al" Daumant – March 12, 2013

Family of Mary M. Zepp (mother of Junior Zepp) – March 15, 2013

Family of Jill Bowers (daughter-in-law of Jerry Bowers; sister-in-law of Wanda Merryman) – March 18, 2013

KENYA
www.ELCA.org/disaster

A place of peace

Not long ago, Luley was a hopeful young bride. She and her husband had two healthy children, and their livestock were doing well. But then the conflict that has driven so many Somali people from their homes overtook this family, too.

Fearing death at the hands of the militiamen who had sought to press him into service, Luley's husband fled their home.

"I may never know if my husband is alive or dead," she says sadly. Soon after her husband left, she and the children had to leave their village, too. "I needed to look for peace for my children and myself."

Luley (pictured with her two children) found the peace she had hoped for in a refugee camp, supported by your gifts through the international work of Lutheran Disaster Response.



The Lutheran World Federation/Melany Markham

When Luley and the children arrived at the refugee camp, they weren't sure where to go. They were placed in temporary housing and given food and water right away. The staff at the refugee camp quickly found a tent for the family.

Luley and her children have a place to call home again. She says that she is adjusting to her new life as a refugee. With the support of her relatives, new neighbors and the gifts of those who responded to our Horn of Africa Relief effort, Luley has hope again.

Phillipy Scholarship Fund

In 2001, Lester N. Phillipy, Jr., a member of Grace, died, and as part of his estate, established the Phillipy Family Scholarship Fund, which can be used to fund one or more full tuition scholarships to an accredited college or university. Active members of Grace are given priority in awarding these scholarships. Recipients are selected by two attorneys in Baltimore who are the Co-Trustees of the Fund. Criteria include financial need, academic standing, and good moral character.

The packet of application materials can be downloaded from our church website at www.gracelc.org. The submission deadline is May 15, 2013.

Lutheran Church Men Spring Dinner Meeting

by Ed Leister

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Spring Dinner Meeting on Monday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m., at St. Luke (Winter's) Lutheran Church near New Windsor. A free-will offering will be received for the meal with \$11.00 expected.

The ladies of the church will be serving a family-style Fried Chicken and Ham dinner with all the fixins'. Following dinner, devotions and a good old fashioned hymn sing will be held in the church nave.

Reservations to Ed Leister at 410-848-8640 or on the RCR card at weekend worship on or before Sunday, April 7, please.

Thank You!

Lent 2013 was a Special Time



The Lenten Season always is a busy six weeks in the church. This year we had a great turn out for our **Midweek Worship Services**. Special thanks go to all of those who provided special music and the excellent dramas. We thank Ted Dix and the members of the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choir, and the Luther Choir. Your musical leadership added much inspiration to our worship services. We thank Karen Ganjon for coordinating, recruiting and directing the weekly dramas. Thank you to all who participated in the dramas: Tony Becker, Valerie Becker, Beth Clementson, Leanne Elliott, Adam Fairchild, Craig Giles, Amelia Dowling, Christian Schneider, Cossette Schneider, Kara Schuster, Rich Schuster, Brian Sherfey and Kayla Sherfey. We also thank the committee members and others who provided soup, bread and desserts for the meals.

On **Palm Sunday**, our worship services included the reading of the Passion According to Luke. Each worship service required thirteen readers. So, we had a total of fifty-two people involved in reading the Passion. Thank you for being willing to step forward to provide this meaningful part of our Lenten worship. The readers were: **5:00 Saturday** – Elizabeth Phipps, John Baumgardner, Colin Rzepkowski, Lisa Turner, Jennifer and Jim Ways,

Kay Betz, Meg and Carol McCulloch, Arthur Pease, Laura Miller, LeeAnn Biggs; **7:45 Sunday** – Caroline Babylon, Kevin Dayhoff, Emma Jane Weishaar, Steve Weidman, Karen Ganjon, Pat Goldberg, Dena and Don Hodges, Madeline Hansen, Craig Giles, Sharon Deardorff, John Glass, Al Doermann; **9:00 Sunday** – Michele Krichinsky, Mel Arbaugh, Jan Mickey, Tammy and Chuck Lowman, Barbara Serghini, Laura Heller, Amelia Dowling, Andrew Beazley, Patt Patterson Jones, Wyatt Cox, Amy Bittner, Brian Sherfey; **11:15 Sunday** – Anna Tschiegg, Charlie Beckhardt, Doris and Greg Hare, Cossette, Christian, Stephanie, and Mark Schneider, Maddie Lichtfuss, Kara Schuster, Florence Bastien, Johanna Monka, and Glen Bair. Thank you one and all!!

We give thanks to everyone who helped to make this a very meaningful Lent by giving extra of their time and talents. The Altar Guild, church staff, and musicians all worked behind the scenes to provide inspiring worship experiences. Thank you one and all!



An Invitation from Legacy Circle of Grace

"PLANNING FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW"

Saturday April 13 – 9:00 to 10:30 am



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 weekend worship services or call the church office at 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. 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.

YOU CAN HELP PERPETUATE THE MINISTRIES OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Planning for the distribution of your lifetime accumulations is a vital step in the completion of your personal stewardship plan. We encourage you to consider providing for a gift to your church in your will or estate planning.

Women of the ELCA

by Helen Englar

The WELCA of Grace will meet on **Monday, April 15, 2013 at 1:30 pm**. The meeting will include a Bible Study entitled "Kinships, Friendships and Holy Encounters" and will be about relationships between women.



April Worship Leaders & Assistants

APRIL 6-7, 2013 – ALL GRACE – EASTER CANTATA

5:00 pm – Kay Betz, **READER:** Sharon Glass

10:00 am – Laura Heller

Communion Assistants: Don Ludwig, Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Vicar Karin Albaugh, Rich Schuster, Karen Ganjon

Ushers: Perry Crawl, Nancy Taylor, Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild

Acolyte – 5:00 pm – Taylor Glass Button

APRIL 13-14, 2013

5:00 pm – Laura Heller

7:45 am – Al Doermann

9:00 am – Ron Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Ted Forman, Alyson Guerra, Mark Tanzey, Dena Hodges, Mandy Kent

Ushers: Chuck Lowman, Tammy Lowman, Janet Bowersox, Linwood Van Horn

11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg, **READER:** Elissa Streaker

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

APRIL 20-21, 2013

5:00 pm – Vicar Karin Albaugh

7:45 am – Karen Ganjon

9:00 am – Michele Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Leanne Elliott, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling, Kim Eckenrode, Sharon Glass

Ushers: Nathan Dowling, Brian Sherfey, Barbara Serghini, Jocelyn Spreitzer

11:15 am – Greg Hare

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

APRIL 27-28, 2013

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner, **READER:** John Baumgardner

7:45 am – Dena Hodges

9:00 am – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Vicar Karin Albaugh, Bill Comegna, Sue Roach, Pete Morano, Dotti Morano

Ushers: Sandra Harrison, Les Null, Michele Krichinsky, Jamie Krichinsky

11:15 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg



APRIL

**SANCTUARY AND
GRACE HALL –**

Cyndy Beckhardt
Brenda Lightner

April Calendar of Events

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013

OFFICE CLOSED – EASTER MONDAY

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)



TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 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, APRIL 3, 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, APRIL 4, 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)
 7:00 pm Young Adult Group (J&P Pizza, Westminster)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013

3:00 pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal (GH)
 5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2013 – EASTER CANTATA

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:00 am All Grace Worship – Easter Cantata (GH)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class (108)



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

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 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)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 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 Internship Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm 30 Hour Famine Planning Meeting (107)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 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 Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013

9:00 am "Planning for Today & Tomorrow" Presentation (T)
 2:00 pm Cub Scouts Arrow of Light/Bridging Ceremony (GH)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 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 Training Class (108)

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 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)

(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

April Calendar of Events (continued)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 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 Wednesday Book of Acts Bible Study (FH)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 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, APRIL 19, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 7:00 pm Faith Statement Lock-In Begins (various)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 4:00 pm Faith Statement Lock-In Ends (various)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 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 Carroll County CROP Hunger Walk (St. Paul's UMC)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 4:00 pm Women's Night Out "Fiddler on the Roof" (Toby's)
 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class (108)

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 6:30 pm Lutheran Church Men Spring Dinner (St. Luke's 'Winters')
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 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, APRIL 24, 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 Potluck Dinner and Song (FH)
 7:00 pm Wednesday Book of Acts Bible Study (Library)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 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 Contemporary Worship Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)
 7:00 pm Young Adult Group (J&P Pizza, Westminster)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 5:30 pm Legacy (High School) 30 Hour Famine (GH, UGS)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013

8:00 am Legacy (High School) 30 Hour Famine (GH, UGS)
 9:00 am Red Cross Adult First Aid/CPR/AED Training (108)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 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 Training Class (108)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)

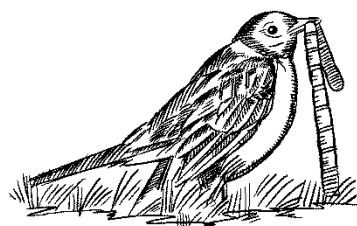
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2013

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, APRIL 30, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 6:00 pm Children's Chorus Awards Ceremony (GH, UGS)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (LGS)

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall
 (T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper
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April Birthdays

April 1

Harris, Steven
Hollingsworth, Megan
Midttun, Alice
Smith, Richard
Tanzey, Stacey

April 2

Dorsey, Rick
Null, Jennifer

April 3

Hahn, Madeline
Keefer, Indi
Lockard, Margaret
Melville, Paul
Scocco, Laurie
Smith, Bryan

April 4

Bridgeman, Kaitlyn
Mays, Bella
Sherlock, Matt

April 5

Wolbert, Grace

April 6

Seipp, Glen

April 8

Connelly, Kirsten
Martin, Peggy

April 9

Kozlowski, Alexander
Stanton, Katy

April 10

Hoff, Kathleen
Merryman, Owen
O'Brien, Kristen
Ryan, Sydney

April 11

Martin, Stephanie
Spencer, Wayne

April 12

Booth, Floyd
Kurtz, Morgan

April 13

Bittner, Sean
Bitzel, Melinda
Clementson, Martha
Leppo, Bruce
Rzepkowski, Aiden

April 14

Button, Michael
Ellis, Ayva
Lady, Matthew
Vadder, Christy

April 15

Combs, Karen
Green, Vicki
Harris, Jerry
Swartz, Owen

April 16

Beck, Edward
Bowersox, Patrick
Engnoth, Milton
Gordon, Carolyn
Meehan, Katherine
Pigeon, Jeniffer
Vengroski, John

April 17

Burnett, Sean
Sabol, Viera
Shipley, Virginia
Whitson, Dottie

April 18

Turgeon, Kea
Vogt III, Frank

April 19

Day, Peggy
Lightner, Brenda

April 20

Fowler, Lily

April 21

Becker, Christina
Fowler, Jackie
Higgs, Ruth
Hughes, Melissa
Huver, Nancy
Pickett, Daniel
Willet, Nora

April 22

Erikson, Eileen
Harris, Jean
Stair, Garrett
Stiles, Rich

April 23

Bongardt, Alexander
Van Horn, Linwood

April 24

Gilbart, Amanda
Ordway, Elizabeth
Roth, Chelsea

April 25

Conover, George
Oddis, Carrie

April 26

Drgos, Parker
Furbay, Judith

April 27

Pasek, Jason
Shriver, Beulah
Tyler, Brittany

April 28

Cockley, Julie
Haas, Noma
Scocco, Raymond
Tyler, Morgan

April 29

Glennon, Lillian
Landy, Michael

April 30

Bair, Glen
Bair, Thomas
Fogle, Diane



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, Lillian Schaeffer, Virginia Sparrow, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Bryson, Pattie Baier, Marion Bauman, Brian Bowers Family, Tyler Bowers, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Joette Campanello, Janet Clingan, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Joseph L. Donnelly, Tracey Gist, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy & Walter Long, Family of Duane McConnell, Larry McGinnis, Dustin Oddis, Kay O'Hara, Dail Pease, Ed Pinder, Maryann Pranulis, Deborah Stump, Frank J. Wachter, 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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