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Deadline for *June/July*

**Grace Notes is Tuesday,
May 14. Please email
your news to Dawn -
dstem@gracelc.org or stop
by the office during office
hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).**

**GRACE NOTES IS ALSO AVAILABLE
ON OUR WEBSITE. CHECK IT OUT!**

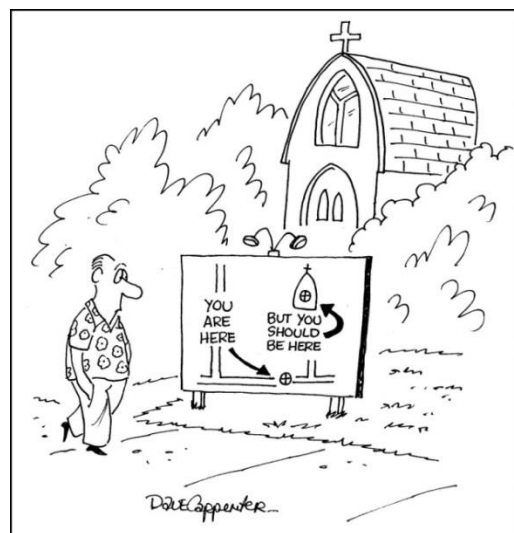
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Making Plans for Summer

Springtime! Most people think of this season as a time to plan summer vacations or little get away trips. It is a time for planting gardens, mowing grass and doing all those things that are best taken care of in the summer. I'm going to let you in on a secret: For pastors this is a season for figuring out how to once again convince people that God is still important in the spring and summer. Worship attendance drops off considerably in the summer time and giving drops off considerably making it very difficult to meet our ongoing financial obligations.

Pastors worry about how to gently remind people to remember the Lord and their brothers and sisters who will miss them in the summer months when they go missing from Church. We pastors also know that when people take off for several weeks or a month or two there is an increased risk that some will never return. Over the years I have pleaded and cajoled hoping to stop the inevitable summer migration and truthfully I haven't been too successful. I have tried to be clever and silly, thoughtful and witty all with little to no results.

Today I will use plain talk in hopes that my point can be made. You are a child of God and all the blessings of your life, all the things that you will enjoy this summer are a direct result of God. Please don't forget to thank the Lord in worship and in your continued stewardship. While you are away the church doors will remain open. In the approximately 12 weeks of summer approximately 2,400 meals will be served at the church to friends and neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. Youth and adults will go on mission trips. Forty-eight worship services will be planned and celebrated. Vacation Bible Camp and Mar-Lu-Ridge day camp will occur. Building staff will be painting and cleaning; doing projects that have been delayed for summer. Staff will be working hard to plan for the coming program year. The gospel will be proclaimed in deed and word. Your presence in worship and your financial support throughout the summer are important, not only for



you but for your brothers and sisters. So as you make your summer plans how about penciling God in for Saturday night or Sunday morning; it wouldn't hurt you to give God thanks for the joys of the season.

Oh... the cartoon? Well just in case you didn't get around to reading my message I thought I would hedge my bet with a little whimsy. God bless you and I hope to see you this summer.

Pastor Kevin

Why Are We Losing Our Youth?

Many guesses have been made and many books have been written trying to explain why the church no longer includes the majority of teens and young adults in our society. This noticeable trend is having an impact on our society as well as on our church. It is tempting to throw up our hands and say that the problem is beyond our solving, but I for one am not ready to give up.

I recently read a book that I found extremely helpful. **"You Lost Me. Why Young Christians Are Leaving Church....And Rethinking Faith"** was written by David Kinnaman, President of the Barna Group and reflects on new research done with young adults ages 18 to 29. Immediately, Kinnaman acknowledges that not all young people have the same experience of the church. Many are still involved and committed to faith and to church. Others have drifted away from church for a variety of reasons, yet still hold fast to faith in Christ, or at least "God." Still others have become separated from the church completely, again for a variety of reasons.

What can the church do to address the issues that seem to be troubling to our youth? As the church has tried to address this in the past, common answers have been to create a more entertaining worship style or build up youth groups that are larger and more fun. The Barna research challenges these kinds of attempts, finding that it isn't entertainment or "big" that young people are looking for....at least that's not what will keep them connected to church in the long run. Instead, the question is one of **relationship** with God and with others in the church. It is a question of **whether we engage in conversation and exploration** with our youth....do we allow them to ask questions, even of God? And it is a question of whether we prepare our youth to understand how to **take faith into life**.... for instance, what does my faith have to do with my choice of a career? Now, these aren't meant to be easy answers to a very complex and troubling situation, but they do help us understand what parents, faithful Christian leaders, and congregations

might begin to address in order to keep our youth more fully connected to the church in the future.

"You Lost Me..." contains such important insights that I'd love for many of you to read the book and discuss it so that we can go much deeper than reading an article in the newsletter. Parents of children and teens would benefit greatly by reading this book. The young adults and older adults would benefit from reading it. And of course, those people who are striving to provide good Christian Education and Youth Ministry in our congregation would really benefit from studying the content of this book. Really, anyone who cares about young people and the future of the church would find the book and conversation about it to be worthwhile.

Pastor Kevin, Leanne, and I would like to invite you into a conversation about how we might better support our youth and young adults. **This summer, would you take time to read "You Lost Me..." and then spend a few hours in conversation with us and one another???** If you aren't much of a reader, there is a DVD presentation of the material by the author. During the month of May, we will offer the book (\$13.49) or DVD (\$22.49) for purchase (you can order on your own Kindle \$9.17 and NOOK Books \$8.39) and we will ask through the RCR card at worship for people to indicate their interest in having a conversation. Based on the number of people interested and all of our schedules, we will arrange for time(s) to get together to talk...it might be over breakfast, over Sunday lunch, on someone's deck on a summer evening, etc.

Would you join us in caring deeply about the young people God has placed in our care? Would you pray and think with us about how our congregation can be more supportive of the youth of today so that they will want to stay connected to the body of Christ for their entire lives? I am sure that you will find it to be time well spent! We look forward to hearing from you.

Pastor Martha



Heifer International

As of April 15, 2013,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$2,327.41.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation**
***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE***

Young Adults – Spring has Sprung

by Vicar Karin Albaugh



Take a break and 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 and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m. for food, fellowship and conversation. Come, relax, grab a drink and share questions about faith.

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

Many Thanks

As I approach this last month of my internship, I want to thank you – the members, friends, pastors and staff of Grace Lutheran Church for making these nine months so special. Daily, you give me love, grace and encouragement on my journey toward becoming a pastor. My heart overflows with the blessings you give me, the smiles, the hugs, the friendships and counsel. Please always remember that you are children of God, loved by God, and you bring Grace into a hurting world.

Peace be with you, Vicar Karin

May Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar



Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 20 from 2-8 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.

Members and Friends of Grace. We Need Your Help

by Stacie Dowling

On Thursday, June 13, a group of mother-daughter teams from the Cold Weather Shelter Ministry are hosting an Ardent Folk Neighborhood Barbeque and would like your assistance providing baked goods including desserts, muffins, quick breads and side dishes (mac & cheese, beans, pasta salads, etc.). We are expecting to serve over 120 people of all ages so any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. Please let us know by May 30 if you can help. We also will be taking donations of condiments for the barbeque as well. Please RSVP to Leanne in the church office [lelliott@gracelc.org] or Stacie Dowling, 410-346-6462 or [dowlingfarm@gmail.com].

Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

This year's Easter cantata, *The Cross*, by Robert Lau, was an overwhelming success! Special thanks go out to all the participants, including the Luther Choir with director Gretchen Dix; Akaloo Kids; Festival Choir with soloists Deborah Brennan, Elizabeth Meuse-Cummiskey, Elaine Conover, James Lightner, and Ian Hoff; and narrators Karen Ganjon and Ron Fairchild. He is risen, indeed; alleluia!

As the church season wraps up this month I once again reflect warmly on how blessed we are to have such a rich and varied music ministry here at Grace. Thank you all for your continued support and participation!

Upcoming Traditional Music Events:

- Sunday, May 12 – Luther Choir performs at the 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service in Grace Hall for Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 19 – Agape Handbell Choir performs at the 10:00am All Grace Worship Service in Grace Hall for Pentecost/Confirmation.

As always, be on the lookout for special musical offerings this summer at all the various worship services!

Thinking about Spring Cleaning???? Grace can Help!!!



Saturday, June 8 (rain date is June 15) – Grace, along with Shepherd's Staff and Little Friends of Grace will be holding a giant Yard Sale in the Carroll Street Parking Lot!!! More details will follow....

But for now....

Please set aside items that you can donate to the Yard Sale. We welcome decorations, small appliances, and lots more things that you'd like to see move to a new home!! Sorry, but we cannot accept – mattresses, large furniture, large appliances, computer equipment and clothing.

We also are looking for volunteers to help with set up, working during the sale, helping to monitor traffic on Carroll Street, and helping with clean up. We will be asking for volunteers to sign up via the RCR card during worship services.

Proceeds made at the sale by Grace will be used toward upkeep and updating of the kitchen.

May 5

Annual Meeting and Lunch

The Annual Information Meeting of Grace Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, May 5 immediately following the 11:15 worship service. All members are urged to attend this meeting during which property, financial and ministry highlights and updates will be given.



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo and Have Fun with Friends at Grace!



Sunday May 5 from 1-3pm (*immediately following the Informational Meeting*) please join us 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 worship if you plan to attend.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

Athens: Paul's Journey through Acts!



We are very excited about this summer's Vacation Bible Camp! We will be exploring Paul's journey through the book of Acts with Paul himself! There will be music, crafts, games, and story time for kids age 3 through the 6th grade! VBC will be held **July 15-19, 2013. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6pm and the program will run from 6-8pm.** Registration materials will be available in June! This is a great week to invite your friends, the more the merrier! If you have any questions please talk to Leanne Elliott [lelliott@gracelc.org] or Stacie Dowling [dowlingfarm@gmail.com].

Kid's Night Out: Summer Kick-Off

Kid's Night Out has taken some time off but is back for one last hurrah before the summer! Exact plans are still being made but there **WILL** be an event in May! When the date and details are finalized there will be announcements and mailings so keep a look out! If you have any questions please contact Christy Vadder [vadder@verizon.net]. We have had a great year with the kids and are looking forward to new and exciting events next year!



Disaster Response Mission Trip

by Laura Heller

The Grace Lutheran Mission Team will be traveling to Jamaica, New York from 8/4/13 to 8/10/13 to assist with rebuilding in areas impacted by Superstorm Sandy. Contact Laura Heller at lheller1@msn.com or 443-291-6044 if you want additional information or would like to volunteer.

Cross Stitch Pattern of Our Church

A copy of a cross-stitch pattern of Grace Lutheran Church has been found. It is a view of the church buildings on Carroll Street. The pattern was created by the late Emily H. Murray in 1983. If you would like a copy, please contact Dawn in the church office.

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

May is a busy month for all us at Little Friends of Grace. It is hard to believe another school year is coming to an end. We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and fun summer. Our best wishes to our pre-K students as they head off to kindergarten. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school in September.



Mother's Day Tea

Our pre-K four-year old classes will be having their Mother's Day Teas on May 9 and 10. The children plan on baking cookies for their mothers. They will also be singing a few songs.

Three's Field Trips

Our three-year old classes will visit Dell Dairy Farm on May 2 and 3. This is our seventh year visiting the farm and we enjoy learning all about cows and milk. We always have a fun time.

The three's also visited Belisimo's in Finksburg for their unit on Community helpers. They learned how to make pizza and enjoyed eating one they made themselves.

End-of-the-Year Parties and Graduation

May 20-24 will be the last week of school for the students at Little Friends. We have end-of-the-year activities planned for each age. The two-year olds will have a picnic at Dutterer's Park with their families. Our three-year olds will be singing songs at the Community Pond in Westminster. The pre-K four-year old classes will be participating in their graduation ceremonies followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Registration

We are still accepting registration for the 2013/2014 school year. We have openings in most of our classes. Please call Anita in the preschool office if you would like more information.

Thank you

The staff at Little Friends would like to thank the Grace Lutheran congregation for all of their support this past year from collecting soup labels, purchasing tickets for our fundraisers, dining out with us and supporting our Silent Auction.

Please Join Us for a 2nd Season of "Grace in Our Neighborhoods"



Last summer, seven neighborhood gatherings were held, involving almost 100 people! These events were hosted by families who invited church members and friends who live in their geographical area to come to dinner. Almost all of the meals were "covered dishes" where everyone brought something. People were delighted to get to know others living near them who are also part of the ministry here at Grace.

Would you like to host a gathering in your area? If so, please contact Pastor Martha. You will need to set a date and time and send invitations to potential guests. Pastor Martha will help you with names and addresses to identify Grace members and participants living near you.

The pastors and Leanne will do their best to have at least one of the three of them be present for your gathering. So, how about it...if you enjoyed your event last summer and want to get together again, that's great. If you would like to host a brand new gathering this year, we'd be delighted. Please contact Pastor Martha to make arrangements or to ask questions.

Financial Report for March 2013

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

	<u>March, 2013</u>	<u>January – March, 2013</u>	
Income			
General Giving Income	\$ 77,817.20	\$ 173,420.74	
Debt Reduction Income	12,950.00	35,617.50	
Other Income	<u>24,685.62</u>	<u>74,876.44</u>	
Total Income	\$115,452.82	\$ 283,914.68	
Expenditures			
General Expenses	\$ 94,248.55	\$ 260,510.40	*1
Improvements/ Cap. Exp.	000.00	1,245.50	*2
Debt Reduction	<u>15,775.12</u>	<u>48,469.41</u>	*3
Total Expenses	\$110,023.67	\$ 310,225.31	
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$ 5,429.15</u>	<u>\$ (26,310.63)</u>	

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

- *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 were 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 March 31, 2013 is \$2,029,519.

During March we were also able to transfer \$25,000.00 from our cash account to our investments. March was a very positive month due to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. At the present time our cash account still has a sufficient amount, even after making the \$25,000.00 transfer. Our year-to-date expenditures for the first quarter are below budget. All our bills are being paid in a timely fashion.

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

Men's Night Out at the Ball Field

Frederick Keys vs. Winston-Salem Dash
 Friday, June 28
 7:00 pm

Cost is \$10.00 for adults; \$7.00 for youth & seniors



Look for more information in future Weekly Announcements in May. Reservations will be taken using the RCR card during worship services in May as well. Seating is limited.

Grace Lutheran Scholarships

After not being able to give scholarships for a couple of years, we are happy to announce that once again Grace Lutheran Church will award scholarships from the Grace Lutheran Scholarship Fund. Scholarships may be granted to students who are attending college, graduate school, or other schools of higher education. These scholarships are intended for members of Grace Lutheran Church. The amount of the scholarship depends upon the annual availability of interest money in the Scholarship Fund and the number of applicants who receive scholarships. In the past, recipients received between \$500 and \$2,000.

The following process and timeline will be followed:

Application forms are available from the church office (will be emailed to you) and on the church website (www.gracelc.org) beginning April 26.

Applications are to be returned via email to dstem@gracelc.org between May 1 and May 31. No applications will be received after May 31.

The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and make decisions during June and July. Students may be asked to meet with the committee for a personal interview.

Applicants will receive a decision by August 1.

Women of the ELCA

by Helen Englar



The WELCA of Grace will be assembling personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief at our May meeting. We will meet May 20, 2013 at the church. We will put collection boxes in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces for donations from the congregation. We also welcome monetary donations from the congregation if anyone prefers to help in that way.

We need to following items for the health kits:

- Two bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original packaging
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the nail file)

Please have all donations in by May 12.

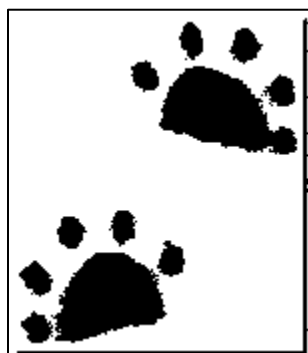
Church Women United

by Helen Englar

May Friendship Day will be celebrated on Thursday, May 16 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in New Windsor. The theme for this Celebration is "Swinging Wide the Door of Hospitality." Registration will begin at 9:30 am followed by the program at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$7 per person. Please call Wilda Dell (410-756-5482) by May 10 if you plan to attend. We invite the young women in our congregation to attend. Two offerings will be taken during this program – the regular offering and the special offering of pennies for the Fellowship of Least Coin.



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Again, welcome to spring, the neighbors and I were wondering if we'd ever get out of mud and be able to sun ourselves on a fat log, well at least for today we can. You see, the sun doesn't affect us as it does you. We use it for warmth and to get our blood moving again. I understand, you use it to change your skin color and actually pay money to play in it. Maybe you should try the log sitting once in a while, have a small fish or some mosquito larva to round out the day.

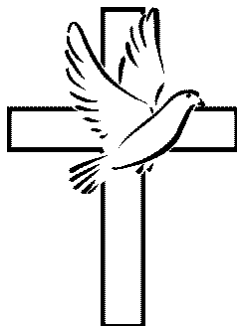
Have any of you read about the Crop Hunger Walk or the World Vision 30 Hour Famine in your church bulletins recently? It appears that hunger exists all over the world and that includes where you live too. One article just talked about hunger in general and another mentioned how you could help after it revealed how much more you spend on food. It's a wonder the world doesn't change orbit and tilt more with you and me at the bottom of the planet. I know I can eat my share of stuff and some other terrapins also. But, I never think of it till someone shows me the needs of others.

There are things you can do, really simple things. Sponsor someone to walk in your place for the Crop Walk, support the church youth during the 30 Hour Famine, visit the ark and purchase an animal or share with someone else in that purchase. All you really have to do is look around your church, there are helpful hints everywhere. And, if you can't figure it out, I'll save you a spot on the log and teach you how to catch a fish or a slow moving bug.

Till then, I'm going fishing, I'm hungry...

Timmy

Personal Notes



Baptized into the Body of Christ:

4/21/13 – Adelle Evelyn Beazley, daughter of Andy and Ginny Beazley

4/21/13 – Jillian Eliza Smith, daughter of Jason and Stacey Smith

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Robert T. "RT" Bowers, Jr. (son of Eurith Bowers) – April 14, 2013

Senate Prayer

In March, Pastor Martha had the opportunity to open a Monday night session of the Maryland State Senate with Prayer. She was invited to be there by Senator Joseph Getty who represents Carroll County.



Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County Spring Concert 2013

featuring

Israel in Egypt

Music by George Frideric Handel

Margaret Boudreaux, Artistic Director

Ted Dix, Organ

with

Chamber Ensemble

Sunday, May 19, 2013, 7:00 PM

Baker Memorial Chapel, McDaniel College

Admission: \$12 adults (\$10 if purchased in advance) (All students w/ID and children admitted free at the door.)

Tickets will be available online www.MasterworksofCC.org, at the door, from Chorale members, and at the Carroll County Arts Council. For information: 410 871-3371.



Could a Legacy Gift Hurt My Family?

by Elaine and George Conover



For those of us with families, our first impulse may be that a large gift to the church could have a negative impact on our loved ones. Would we be taking money out of the hands of our children and grandchildren, and deprive them of much needed resources?

Before we put the church in our Will we gave this some thought and came to the following conclusion: we have been giving to the church for many years and our children have done just fine. In fact, they have certainly benefited from our long association with Grace.

Then we did some math. If we leave a hypothetical estate of \$100,000 and provide 10% of it to go to the church, then Grace would receive \$10,000 and each of our daughters would get \$45,000. That is still a lot of money and not much different from what they would have gotten otherwise.

We should not feel that legacy giving is an all or nothing proposition. There is plenty of room to provide for our families and also leave a portion for our church. We strongly urge you to consider this approach.

Quiet Evenings Program

by Sharon Glass

WHAT: Quiet Evenings: Sanctuary, Reflection, Spiritual Practice--"Walking the Labyrinth"

WHEN: Friday, June 7, 6:30-8:30 pm

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, especially with the emergence of the beautiful weather, are filled with the busyness of life, running here and there to appointments, events, games, and just "doing" in general. During this Spring-to-Summer season, 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 June 7 as we "Walk the Labyrinth" in Grace Hall. Walking the labyrinth is a way of fully engaging the body in prayer and inviting a quiet time with The Holy One – there is no right or wrong way to walk a labyrinth. The labyrinth we will have in Grace Hall is a canvas replica that is in the floor of the nave at Chartres Cathedral in France. There will be ample time after for quiet reflection, journaling, an optional time of sharing, and a brief service of prayer to close our evening of quiet.

A plethora of information about walking the labyrinth and the history of labyrinths is available on the internet. You may visit <http://www.nationalcathedral.org/worship/labyrinth.shtml> for more information or use your search engine for "labyrinths." Additionally, you will receive more information by email when you register to attend. If there is enough interest, we will hold a brief information session about labyrinths on May 12 at 10:15 am, so be sure to indicate on the RCR card at worship if you would attend the information session.

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 June 7 Quiet Evenings program, please email Dawn Stem at dstem@gracelc.org or you may also provide your information on an RCR card at worship.

May Worship Leaders & Assistants

MAY 4-5, 2013

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss, Maddie Lichtfuss

7:45 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

9:00 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

Communion Assistants: Janet Bowersox, Ann Thomas, Sandra Harrison, Pete Morano, Dotti Morano

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

11:15 am – Rich Schuster, **READER:** Karen Ganjon

Acolyte – 5:00 pm – Taylor Glass Button

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Haley Hoff



MAY 11-12, 2013

5:00 pm – Laura Heller

7:45 am – Pat Goldberg

9:00 am – Kathy Rehak

Communion Assistants: Jamie Krichinsky, Paul Whitson, Harold Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Stacey Tanzey

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

11:15 am – Christian Schneider

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

MAY 18-19, 2013 – ALL GRACE - CONFIRMATION

5:00 pm – Vicar Karin Albaugh

10:00 am – Craig Giles

Communion Assistants: Vicar Karin Albaugh, Sharon Glass, Taylor Glass Button, Al Law, Sheila Law

Ushers: Bill Comegna, John Yarish, Randy Bachtel, Don Ludwig

MAY 25-26, 2013

5:00 pm – Pat Goldberg, **READER:** Laura Miller

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

Communion Assistants: Erin Sherlock, Richard Chaney, Donna Kent, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews

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

11:15 am – Vicar Karin Albaugh

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg



MAY

**SANCTUARY AND
GRACE HALL –**

Jim and Donna Helm

May Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 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 Book of Acts Bible Study (FH)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 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 Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013

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

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013

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

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013

7:30 am 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 Annual Congregation Informational Meeting (S)
 1:00 pm Cinco de Mayo Lunch/Celebration (T)
 4:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Cub Scouts (FH)

MONDAY, MAY 6, 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 (108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 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 Book of Acts Bible Study (FH)
 7:00 pm Internship Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013

10:30 am LFOG Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (FH)
 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 Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
 7:00 pm Young Adult Group (J&P Pizza Westminster)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013

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

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 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
 10:15 am Confirmation Rehearsal (GH)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013

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

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 7:00 pm Book of Acts Bible Study (FH)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 6:30 pm LFOG Board Meeting (107)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

(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



May Calendar of Events (continued)

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2013

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

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013

9:00 am Stephen Ministry Training Class (108)
10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2013

10:00 am All Grace Worship – Easter Cantata (GH)
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class (108)

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
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, MAY 21, 2013**12:00 pm OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON**

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013

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

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 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 Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
7:00 pm Young Adult Group (J&P Pizza, Westminster)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

**FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013**

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

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013**MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (LGS)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)
7:00 pm Shepherd Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
6:00 pm Potluck Dinner and Song (FH)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2013

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

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2013

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

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall
(T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper
Gathering Space (LGS) Lower Gathering Space
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Vicar Karin's Farewell Lunch – Office Closing Early



Vicar Karin Albaugh's last weekend to preach here at Grace Lutheran will be May 26. In honor of her service here at Grace the office staff plans to treat her to lunch on Tuesday, May 21. As a result we will be closing the office at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 21. We will reopen the office at 8:30 am on Wednesday, May 22.

May Birthdays

May 1

Plunkert, Charles
Wright, Julie

May 2

Arbaugh, Robert
Barnes, Carolyn
Engle, Joseph
Keys, Beth
Koerner, Faye
Schaeffer, Jacob
Waltz, Charlotte

May 3

Allred, Joe
Fendlay, Robin
Ludwig, Bonnie
Wiles, James

May 4

Beckhardt, Charlie
Ensor, Samuel
Glass Button, Taylor
Zavandro, Kelly

May 5

Frazier, Tyler
Hirt, Mindy
Johnson, Cherie
Leppo, Daisy

May 6

Borleis, Audrey
Deardorff, Sharon
Fieni, Frank
Kuawogai, Vivian
Meyers, Kimberly
Snyder, Tyler

May 7

Biggs, LeeAnn
Ganjon, Karen
Kent, Mandy
Oddis, Lainey
Sexton, Kayla
Weidman, Steven
Zavandro, Trey

May 8

Buhrman, Harriet
Comegna, Becky
Crews, Steve
Dull, Brandon
Myers, Diana

May 9

Dietz, Tony
Fernandez, Steven
Fernandez, Thomas
Fernandez, Robert
Martin, Gloria
Rivera-Hand, Kaylee

May 10

Nixon, Justin
Snyder, Jane
Thomas, John
Wimmer, Trevor
Wright, Phillip

May 11

Bridgeman, Robin
Jones, Jonathan
Main, Terry
Warner, Donald

May 12

Kurland, Jaime
Luesse, Erika
Senseney, Ruth
Stiles, Laura

May 13

Bachtel, Randy
Evans, Patsy
Wardenfelt, Richard
Wiles, Helen

May 14

Becker, Esther
Brynes, Pat
Kessler, Andrew
Loscomb, Kristen

May 15

Burk, Abby
Cockley, Andrew
Jacobson, Elizabeth

May 16

Herman, Oliva
Smith, Cody
Strevig, Disa

May 17

Arbaugh, Mel
Cox, Garrett
Hundertmark, Corilla
Leppo, Kelsea
Nixon, Mary

May 18

Baltzell, E. Lee
Hirt, Gertrude
Shimoda, Adam
Smith, Mason

May 19

Crown, Charles
DeCosmo, Jimmy
Leppo, Evelyn
Lienhard, Anna
Selby, Kyle
Selby, Kevyn

May 20

Ausmus, Colton
Becker, Valerie
Bowersox, Michael
Culver, Gabrielle
DeRita, Renee
Sherlock, Erin
Ways, Chandler

May 21

Gressieux, Russ
Gressieux, Bryan
Grigg, Faith
Null, Les
Spears, Ryan
Spreitzer, Cade
Zielske, Carly

May 22

Carpenter, Jameson
Dixon, Chase
Dull, Eleanor
Snyder, Carson

May 23

Fourhman, Marion
Moreland, Lucy
Pace, Kathleen

May 24

Bream, Robert
Crowl, Caitlin
McCloskey, Rosemary
Norris, Dennis
Weisgerber, Martha
Weishaar, Kenneth

May 25

Sexton, Heather

May 26

Clements, Barbara
Forman, Lynn
Jacobson, Liam
Shrader, Jennifer

May 27

Sluder, Charles
Tschiegg, Kathy
Wiles, Jason

May 28

Brynes, Lauren
Fletcher, Dale
Staub, Rachel

May 29

Dull, Larry
Lienhard, Laura
Simonette, Gary
Stanton, Sam

May 30

Dorsey, Ben

May 31

Benton, Danny
Eppler, Emma
Landy, Ryan
Meehan, Terry



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: Marcia Adams, Marion Bauman, Patricia E. Baumgardner, Brian Bowersox, Mrs. JoAnn Boyce, Mike Button, Joette Campanello, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Rodney Goetz, Ann Grizzard, Dick Haines, Janet L. Harrison, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy & Walter Long, Joe Moreng, Ed O'Brien, Kay O'Hara, Dail Pease, Ed Pinder, Dottie Mae Ramsel, Emily Rutland, Erin Neal Scott, Carol Taylor, 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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