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Deadline for *September*

**Grace Notes is Tuesday,
August 13. 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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GRACE-NOTES/](http://gracelc.org/news/grace-notes/)**

Growth for Ministry

What are the things that you hope for in life? I would imagine the answers to that question change with each year that passes. What we hoped for when we were ten and what we hope for when we are sixty are very different. The experiences, obstacles and the detours of life take us in unexpected directions—sometimes to our joy and other times to our sorrow. As children of God the one consistent thing we can count on is that The Lord is with us. Such knowledge is a great confidence as we venture into the unknown events of daily life.

It is evening as I write this article and I am in Hollywood, South Carolina with nearly 500 teenagers and adult advisors who are nervously waiting for the morning when they will begin a week of mission work to people who live in a very poor region of the country. We will be painting, doing general repair and a little construction. We will meet the people we will be serving and getting to know their stories. The youth are excited, curious and facing fears that they may not be up to the task that is before them. Yet they are living through all these fears and uncertainties and frankly I am very impressed with their courage.

This evening the young women from our church gathered and it was great to hear them speak about how they were going to take this time to learn and grow. Parents be proud. Members of Grace pause to thank God for the richness of these young people. I believe that this is my sixth or seventh mission trip and as always I am humbled by the fresh generations of disciples that God is preparing and using for His work in the world.

Recently at Grace we have begun preparing a new campaign to support the ministries of our congregation. Several years ago members of Grace felt a strong calling to increase the worship and mission space of our facility. Great plans and efforts went into preparing and implementing a program that resulted in the construction of Grace Hall and the multitude of classrooms and meeting rooms that all were designed to strengthen and enhance the mission of Grace. But of course life has a way of throwing unexpected turns and twists to the best of plans and now our ability to grow the ministries of Grace are being hampered by the need to pay the mortgage for our facility.

The leadership of Grace has come to appreciate the need for all of us to join together and begin addressing the retirement of this debt so that we are able to strengthen and grow the ministries of Grace for the sake of the gospel. This seems like such a daunting task and it is easy for anyone of us to say, "I have nothing to offer." I appreciate that feeling... but then again I am with nearly 500 teenagers who are tonight struggling with just such feelings that they have nothing to offer. But tomorrow they will get into their vans and head to worksites and learn to do things they thought they could never do.

In the weeks and months ahead you are going to be asked to join in supporting the ministries of Grace by helping us retire our mortgage and dream the dreams of the young who in the midst of uncertainty are eager to serve The Lord. There is work to be done and we need you to help. Of course you can do no more than you are able to do, but don't sell yourself short. As God will bless these young people so to He will bless us. Please

pray that you will do all and more that The Lord is asking of you. There are generations of marvelous young people who wait for us to do all we can do for them, for us and for the world.

Peace, Pastor Kevin

The Psalms

"The earth is the Lord's and all that in it..."

Psalm 24:1

This summer I've had the opportunity to study Psalms with a wonderful group of people. We've all found more meaning and depth in this book of the Bible than is commonly expected. At our 9:00 worship services, we almost never have the opportunity to read from the psalms. At the other worship services, even though we read a psalm each week, we almost never reflect on it more deeply. However, if you are familiar with the psalms, you'll often find verses from them at the heart of both contemporary and traditional music.

You'll find in most study Bibles a chart that places the psalms in a variety of categories. While some psalms fit into more than one category, studying this chart is a good place to begin your reflection on the psalms. Notice that the psalms cover the span of human thought and emotion as we relate to our Creator. Psalms include prayers for help, both as individuals and as a community of faith. Psalms include hymns of praise and liturgies sung by the people of God. In fact, many of the psalms were originally written as songs. Have you ever notice "Selah" in the midst of some of the psalms? No one knows exactly what that means, however, it is likely a word of instruction for those who were playing instruments!

"Happy is everyone who fears the Lord..."

Psalm 128:1

When you study some of the psalms, you'll notice that the psalmist becomes a teacher, describing for the reader how he moved from a place of despair, bitterness and loneliness to a place of joy, faith and hope knowing that he was in God's protective care. Psalms 73 and 90 are examples of this kind of instruction.

At the heart of all of the psalms is the faith and trust that God is the creator of the universe; and that God has extended his love to a particular people, Israel. In response the people of God seek to live in a new relationship with God and to live lives that are ordered according to the Lord's will. Yet, that journey is not always easy. The realities of life often clash with the faith that is professed.

The psalms speak of the same faith, disappointment, trust, and despair that we experience as God's people today. The evil that seeks to draw us away from God comes to us from external sources as well as from within ourselves. We know that we can't make needed changes without God's own presence in our lives.

*"If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?*

*But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered."*

Psalm 130:3-4

Of course, the psalms were written many years before Jesus came to earth. Psalm 90 is an example of where the psalmist cries out for God to make a change in how God relates to the people, particularly by changing how we experience the troubles of life and the reality of death. In the psalmist's world, God's people were living under the wrath of God. They cried out to live under God's favor instead. They didn't know how God would do it, only that if things were to change it would have to be God who took the action.

And God did take that action in sending the Savior. Now because of Jesus we do live under God's favor. And yet, still, we lament our human plight, the troubles that threaten our well-being. Like the ancient psalmists we have complaints to take to God along with our thanksgiving and praise. And that's okay with God!!!! In this wonderful book called, Psalms,

the Bible demonstrates that God welcomes our thoughts, our prayers, our passionate requests....even when those requests are a bit out of line. In the midst of these realities of life, God works with us, sending us the Holy Spirit to intercede and to guide us.

The psalms have spoken to me this summer. I invite you to allow them to speak to you.

May these final days of summer be a time of renewal and blessing for you.

*"The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion
for all generations. Praise the Lord!"*

Psalm 146: 10

Pastor Martha



Heifer International

As of July 15, 2013,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$2,461.24.



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Congregation**
***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE***

Quiet Evenings Program 2013-2014

by Sharon Glass

WHAT: "Quiet Evenings: Sanctuary, Reflection, Spiritual Practice" Seasonal Offerings

WHEN: Friday, September 6, 2013, 6:30-8:30 pm

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, Maryland

WHO: Quiet Evenings are for anyone who wants to step away from the busyness of their life and be present with God.

WHY: To listen and respond authentically to God's calling in your life away from life's distractions and interruptions.

When was the last time you allowed yourself even a moment of quiet? Our days are filled with the busyness of life, running here and there to appointments, events, games, and just "doing" in general. We hope you'll join this quiet, praying community as we give ourselves permission to let go of our responsibilities for a few hours, step outside the busyness of life and be present with God in the moment, and listen and respond authentically to God's calling on our spiritual journey.

While there is no fee, there will be a basket for a free-will offering. Other Quiet Evenings will be held on these Fridays—December 6, 2013, March 7 and June 6, 2014.

Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!

The following individuals recently received Grace Scholarships: Nathan Dowling, Danielle Fieni, Andrea Kempf, Daniel Kempf, Madeline Lichtfuss, Kimberly Meyers, Megan Shultz, Burke Stanton, and BreAnna Strevig. We wish you all the best of luck as you continue your education and we hope you do not forget us here at Grace!





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**Rally Day 2013
September 8, 2013**

“God’s work. Our hands.”



**10:00 All Grace Worship Service
in Grace Hall**

**11:00 Join your teachers and classmates
as each class undertakes a service project.
There will be projects for adults as well.**

**12:15 Lunch
Sandwiches will be provided. Participants are
asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.**

Please plan to join this exciting event. We will be celebrating the start of a new Sunday School year while we join thousands of other Lutheran congregations in celebration of the 25th anniversary of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Service projects will be age appropriate. The following list is a sample of the work that will be done on September 8: Birthday kits for NESAP, laundry and pet food bags for Shepherd’s Staff, blankets for the Linus project, place mats for Ardent Folk, planting ivy and flowers for Grace Lutheran. There is no better way to rejoice in the calling God has given us than to use our hands to do God’s work!

Registration is underway. In order to receive a t-shirt, registrations must be received no later than August 1. Participants are invited (but not required) to donate \$6.50 toward the cost of the t-shirts.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

I HOP YOU HOP LET'S ALL HOP TO IHOP



Willbilly and Ms. Stacy would like to invite all CURRENT High School students [that means all of you entering 9TH-12TH grade!] to IHOP for breakfast on **Sunday, August 4 @ 11:45AM!** You need to get yourself to and from IHOP but if you need a ride, please talk with the Bowmans! RSVP to Ms. Stacy by **Saturday, August 3** and don't forget to bring along money for your meal ☺



This is the Delaware-Maryland Synod event for Middle School! FreeRide is a weekend retreat [much like RoadTrip which the High School students go to in January to Ocean City] at the NorthBay Retreat Center in Northeast, Maryland. The cost is \$170/person [please contact Leanne for scholarship information] which includes program, housing, meals, outdoor activities, and a t-shirt! FreeRide will be **October 18-20, 2013**. We are offering FreeRide in addition to Youth Quake in January [more information will be given at a later date when it is made available] so you have the choice to go to one, both, or neither. The deadline for registration [along with the \$100 deposit] for FreeRide is due to Leanne Elliott by **September 15, 2013**. Please see Leanne if you are interested so that you can receive your registration packet.



"God's Work. Our Hands." Video!



We need pictures of our hands at work...so please, have someone take a picture of you doing the work God has called you to do, Monday – Sunday. How do you care for God's creation? Take a picture at work, at play, in your garden...use your imagination. Please email your picture to lelliott@gracelc.org. These pictures will be turned into a video that will be part of our All Grace Worship Service on September 8. Please submit pictures as soon as possible. Pictures received after August 25 will not be included.

Shepherd's Staff "Back to School" Program

The Shepherd's Staff "Back-to-School" Program is seeking donations of school essentials for the upcoming school year for Carroll County students in need. School supplies, new backpacks, monetary donations to purchase new shoes, new/nearly new school clothing, and new or used books are being accepted now through August 22. Donations can be dropped off at the Shepherd's Staff, 30 Carroll Street, M-T-F 10am-2pm and Th 3pm-7pm or put into the boxes in the gathering spaces of the church marked for "Shepherd's Staff." Your help in this important ministry will be greatly appreciated.



Back to School

WELCA – School Kits

by Helen Englar

The Women of the ELCA of Grace will be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief on August 19 at 1:30 pm in the Library. Members of the congregation are welcome to help in this effort by putting donated items in the boxes in the gathering spaces marked "School Kits."

Items needed for the school kits are as follows:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10½";
NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER PLEASE
- One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser



Monetary donations toward materials and mailing are always appreciated. Checks should be made to Grace Lutheran Church and clearly marked for WELCA.

Confirmation Instruction



Most students participate in Confirmation Instruction during 7th & 8th Grades. Classes are held on Sundays during the Education Hour (10:15). In addition to attending class, students participate in retreats, servant projects, and take notes during worship services. Having an adult mentor also is a significant piece of this time of learning and growing in Christian faith.

Important dates to remember are: September 8 – Rally Day – Students will join in "God's Work. Our Hands." with service projects in their classrooms. September 15 – Meeting of students and parents with Pastor Martha during the Education Hour. September 22 – first day of class.

This year's Confirmation Team includes Pastor Martha, Leanne Elliott, Deacon Craig Giles, and Beth Clementson. We are looking forward to a great year of learning and fun.

If your son or daughter will be joining us for Confirmation Instruction and has not been involved in Sunday School during the past school year, please contact Pastor Martha so we can get registration information to you. We want to have t-shirts for all of the students for Rally Day but can only do so for students whom we know plan to attend.

Women's Night Out – Les Mis

Attention All Women: You are invited to join other women of Grace on August 18 to see Les Mis at Toby's in Columbia. The ticket price of \$45 includes dinner, coffee, tea, and iced tea, all tips, and a great show!!! We will car pool from the Carroll Street Lot at 4:00 p.m. If you want to join us there, dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. Seating is limited, so contact Pastor Martha immediately if you would like to participate!



Door Security Update

We finished installing and updating our last entrance door for the improved security of our complex. The south entrance, under the covered roof on the side parking lot, now has the same locking system as all other doors. It also has the same entrance code numbers as the other doors. We can now program it for various outside groups to have access to our church facility by day of the week and time of day. This allows us to have better control over our buildings and who has access. If you have one of the black key bobs, please return it as we're trying to sell them to another party using the older system. Questions? Please feel free to email or call Arthur Pease, Facilities Manager, at apease@gracelc.org. Thank you.



News from Carroll Lutheran Village

National Alzheimer's Expert to Speak at Carroll Lutheran Village

National Alzheimer's expert Teepa Snow will speak on the topic at Carroll Lutheran Village on August 7. In addition to workshops for clinical staff, Ms. Snow will also provide a public presentation for those who have a family member or friend affected by dementia. "Making Visits Valuable and Positive" is scheduled from 2pm-3pm in Krug Chapel Auditorium. The session is designed to help family members have a better understanding of what is happening with the person with dementia, offer tips on how to make it through the visit without being frustrated, and suggest ways to create moments of joy during the visit. Anyone interested in having effective interactions with an individual with dementia is encouraged and welcome to attend this special event. For directions to Carroll Lutheran Village visit www.clvillage.org or call 410-848-0090. Signage will provide direction to the event once on campus.

Friends of the Village Auxiliary Gives \$65,000

The Friends of the Village auxiliary presented a \$65,000 gift to Carroll Lutheran Village on June 25. The majority of the funds, \$60,000, will be used to renovate resident bathing areas in the skilled nursing Health Care Center. An additional \$2,000 was given to the Resident Assistance Fund Endowment and \$3,000 was given to the Friends of the Village Endowment Fund. The Friends of the Village raised the funds through the operation of the Village Corner Gift Shop and a variety of events including international-themed dinners, a Christmas bazaar and breakfast, and a mystery dinner theater.

Vote for CLV for Carroll's Best

Voting is underway for the Carroll County Times annual Carroll's Best Readers' Choice Awards. Carroll Lutheran Village is eligible for awards in three categories: Retirement Community, Assisted Living Facility, and Nursing Home. Voting is available online only at <http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/carrollsbest/> through 5pm on Sunday, August 11. Please vote for Carroll Lutheran Village in these three categories when you complete your ballot.

Thank you!



News about Carroll Lutheran School

Grace offers its congratulations to **Karen Ganjon** who was chosen as the new school administrator (principal) at Carroll Lutheran School. Karen currently serves as the council president here at Grace. At Grace, she is well known for her ready smile and outgoing personality. She has led the music portion of Vacation Bible Camp for the past two years, where we've seen her great gifts in working with children. Her background in education is extensive, having served as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal in Carroll and Howard Counties. She has held a variety of administrative positions in Carroll County and in the Maryland Department of Education. Congratulations, Karen, we wish you well as you lead Carroll Lutheran School.

The Delaware-Maryland Synod has offered a **Matching Grant** of up to \$25,000 to Carroll Lutheran School. Contributions to help toward that goal can be sent to: Carroll Lutheran School, 1738 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, Maryland 21158. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated!

We are currently represented on the Board at CLS by Dave McGinnis and Barbara Croft. After many years of service, Barb is going off of the Board. We thank Barb for her service to CLS!

You are invited...on Sunday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m., an Installation Service will be held at Carroll Lutheran School. Karen Ganjon, school administrator, the teachers and staff of CLS will be recognized and supported as they begin the new school year. If you have never been to CLS, this would be a great opportunity to visit the school.

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Registration

We continue to accept registrations for the 2013/2014 school year. We have limited openings in many of our classes. Please call the preschool office for more information.

Preschool Reopens Soon

The preschool staff will begin on August 19 with the students returning on September 3. Currently we have 91 students registered for the upcoming school year. Our preschool hours for the 2013/2014 school year will be 9:00-12:00 with a pre-K four-year old class attending from 9:00-2:00.



Dining Out

Once again we plan to offer opportunities this year for dining out nights to raise monies for the scholarship fund. This past school year we were able to raise almost \$600 through our dining out evenings. We plan to continue these in the upcoming school year.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

We will be selling tickets for a discount shopping pass to Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event on Tuesday, October 22. The shopping passes will entitle you to a 25% discount on many items; this shopping pass is only valid on Tuesday, October 22. The monies raised will benefit the LFOG scholarship fund; in the past we have raised approximately \$500 through this event. More details will follow in the weekly announcements.

Financial Report for June, 2013

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

	<u>June, 2013</u>	<u>January – June 2013</u>
Income		
General Giving Income	\$ 59,107.86	\$ 321,825.47
Debt Reduction Income	12,813.50	68,703.00
Other Income	<u>8,977.49</u>	<u>112,863.79</u>
Total Income	\$ 80,898.85	\$ 503,392.26
Expenditures		
General Expenses	\$ 59,403.74	\$ 508,462.08 *1
Improvements/Cap. Exp.	1,200.00	3,971.50 *2
Debt Reduction	<u>15,775.12</u>	<u>95,794.77</u> *3
Total Expenses	\$ 76,378.86	\$ 608,228.35
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$ 4,519.99</u>	<u>\$(104,836.09)</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

Proceeds from the sale of the rental properties have been disbursed as follows: \$201,477.37 from the sale of 20 and 22 Carroll has been transferred to the mortgage principal; \$112,267.43 from the sale of 18 Carroll has been invested short term with \$50,000.00 of the amount allocated for the Sanctuary, and \$62,267.43 set aside to be used for any expenditure that may arise in the refinancing of the mortgage in November 2013. Any excess of the \$62,267.43 will go against the mortgage principal. Our Principal balance as of June 30 is \$1,811,675.43.

As you can see, we have a deficit for the year thru 6/30/2013 of \$104,836.09. We still have to get through the remainder of the summer months, when our giving tends to drop off. 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



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Is everybody cool enough? This July weather makes me dread what August is preparing for us. The pond is so warm during the day that the mud is uncomfortable by noon. You can only spend so much time out of your shelter in this heat and if you have to, you'll need more fluids. Rain has helped with moisture for both me and the farmers. Food is plump and more plentiful, so every day is a buffet of whatever comes my way and evenings are spent on lighter fare like mosquito larva. Do plants seem more abundant and greener this year or is it me?

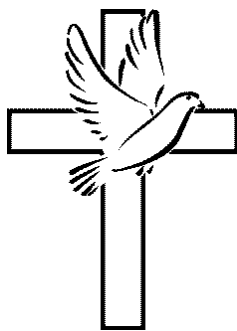
Do you know someone who may not be as comfortable as you are in this weather? Could they use something cool to drink? Maybe their air conditioning is not working properly. I'm not asking that you canvas a three mile radius from your home, but do consider if things appear fine with your friends and neighbors; have you talked to them lately?

Being well into summer now, what have you done? Some new birds appeared at the pond the other week...seems that they were looking at new a home, or on some migration due to loss of habitat. Maybe someone bigger just pushed them out and didn't want them around anymore. It happens in my world, loss of habitat that is. Some call it development, others don't feel that way. I heard this happens on a much larger scale to complete populations in other countries. Aren't you happy you don't live there? Just in eating alone, where would that extra food come from for displaced people? Feeding people on a small scale may be easier but thousands would take a lot of work. Have you ever been directly involved feeding someone? ... a group of relatives doesn't count! In these United States, the human population is 301 million and of that, 10%+ experience hunger or the risk of hunger. Twelve percent of that 10% are children. I know you or even your congregation can't feed that many, but together with all the churches we could make a real dent in the problem in the USA. Hopefully, if we each could give a few dollars each month during the collection, in that special green and orange envelope, we could make a start to smooth out the dent. Don't forget that ELCA World Hunger provides aid to communities within the United States as well as in other countries. If you don't already make a monthly contribution to ELCA World Hunger, why not start this month?

Stay cool, hydrate and enjoy the dog days,

Timmy

Personal Notes



In Memoriam:

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

Family of Janet L. Harrison (mother of Sandra Harrison) – May 22, 2013

Family of Lillian C. Schaeffer – May 28, 2013

Family of Anna C. Spittel – June 20, 2013

Family of Joseph O. McKinney – June 21, 2013

Family of Elizabeth B. Falkenstein – June 23, 2013

News from Legacy Circle of Grace

Please take time to visit with us after church for cookies and a cool drink in the coming weeks. Watch the weekly announcements for more information. Once again we will have available our booklet "IF SOMETHING SHOULD HAPPEN, How to Organize your Financial and Legal Affairs."

Fourteen individuals and families have become members of Legacy Circle of Grace. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining with us. Everyone has something to share. Whether you have much to give or a small amount to share, leaving a gift through an estate plan can have a long-lasting impact on Grace Lutheran Church. We challenge you to think about the members, ministries, and missions that our church has touched and may have impacted you personally.

You have the opportunity to embark on remarkable journeys as you consider the gifts that God has given you thus far in your life and how you want to share part of these gifts with your church. God calls each of us to be stewards in our life. We wish you blessings as you prayerfully consider or prepare to meet with your legal advisor.

2nd Annual Legacy Members Celebration Banquet

Legacy Circle of Grace Members will be attending their celebration banquet on Saturday, October 19 beginning at 6pm. New members will receive a keepsake wood replica of Grace Lutheran Church during the evening. To join with us pick up our brochure, talk with the Pastors, or committee members, George Conover, Karen Ganjon, Neal Hoffman, Don Ludwig or Ed Leister. We would love to have you join with us.

Real Money Talk for Women Presentation

This one hour presentation will be presented on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 9 to 10:15 am at 27 East Main Street – Rear – 2nd Floor, downtown Westminister. The 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. This presentation will help you prepare to address these and other facts that affect your finances and goals. Join with other women from the Lutheran Churches in Carroll County and learn how to use five keys that can help you reach your financial goals. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

TO REGISTER, CALL 410-857-1333



A Personal Legacy Circle of Grace Testimony

Anonymously Submitted

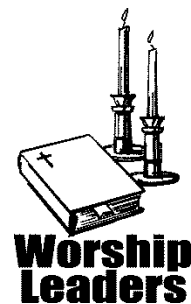
My faith and understanding of the Lord has grown while attending Grace. Through the years I feel Grace has grown in their ministry, education and outreach programs. Our church's mission puts God and his teaching at the center. As a member I am encouraged to be a disciple for our Lord. I am very fortunate to be a part of this experience. By participating in Legacy, I will be able to insure the continuation of Grace's service to our Lord.



Worship Leaders

Having four worship services every weekend means that we need many, many people to participate in various roles of worship leadership. Since worship is the response of all of the people to God's goodness and mercy, it is important that members of the congregation as well as the pastors participate in leading the worship services. During August, we want to check in with those who already serve in these roles to be sure that you want to continue. We also want to give opportunity to other people to step forward if you desire.

You need to be a confirmed in order to be a worship assistant and communion assistant. Ushers and acolytes include persons who are not yet confirmed. Communion assistants and ushers are arranged for differently for the various worship services, however, we always are open to new people serving in these roles, so let us know your interest and we will get you in touch with the coordinator for that service! Please email Pastor Martha if you are interested in serving in some way; RCR cards will collect responses as well during August.



August Pot Luck and Song



August Pot Luck and Song will be held on Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00. You can be sure that the food will include the wonderful tastes of summer!!! Bring something to share, or just come on out, to enjoy an evening of food and music with sisters and brothers in Christ!

Grace@Work Sermon Series

Grace@Work was a series of six sermons presented by Pastor Kevin and Pastor Martha earlier this summer. Each of these sermons addressed a topic related to the "Means of Grace," a term used by Martin Luther and other Reformers to describe how we receive God's Grace. The sermons explored the topics of Sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion, The word of God in Scripture and Confession and Forgiveness. These six sermons are available in print and as a PDF file on the church's website (www.gracelc.org). Print copies are available in the literature racks in the church building or by calling the church office (410-848-7020).

Mark the Date!

Here are a few dates of upcoming events at Grace:

Saturday, September 21 – 6:00 – Tailgate Party in the Church Parking Lot sponsored by the Fellowship Committee

Saturday, September 28 & Sunday, September 29 – Westminster Fall Fest – including a booth sponsored by the Evangelism Committee

Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6 – Women's Weekend away in Ocean City

Saturday, October 19 – 6:00 – Legacy Circle of Grace Annual Dinner

Watch the announcements and newsletter for details about all of these....and many more events sponsored by the various groups at Grace Lutheran Church!



August Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2013

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
 7:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministry Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2013

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2013

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2013

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)
 11:45 am – Legacy (HS) Breakfast w/Bowmans (IHOP)



MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 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, AUGUST 6, 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, AUGUST 7, 2013

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (LGS)
 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, AUGUST 9, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 5:45 pm Frederick Keys Game – Bus Leaves Carroll St. Lot
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 6:30 pm Children's Chorus Parent Orientation (FH, T, UGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2013

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013

10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)
 4:00 pm Women's Night Out – Les Mis (Toby's in Columbia)

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013

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

August Calendar of Events (continued)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2013

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 6:30 pm Children's Chorus Parent Orientation (FH, T, UGS)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2013

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (LGS)
 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)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2013

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:30 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:30 pm Boomers Crab Feast (Babylon's Home)

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 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's Staff Board Meeting (108)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2013

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2013

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall
 (T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper
 Gathering Space (LGS) Lower Gathering Space
 (MR) Music Room (L) Library



Your Help is Needed and Appreciated

From Sheilah and Dawn



We have been diligently making updates to our new membership database and trying to figure out the quirks. Please continue to bring all updates, fixes and errors to our attention. If you have a change of address, phone number, email address, etc. please email, call or stop into the office and let us know. Also, if you see that we have missed your birthday or a member's birthday in Grace Notes, or we missed you on a mailing, please let us know that also. We want to be able to use the database system to its full extent so having complete and correct information is important (this includes birthday month, day and year). Thank you to

all those who have brought things to our attention in the past – we need you to help us keep our information complete and up-to-date!

August Worship Leaders & Assistants

AUGUST 3-4, 2013

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss and Maddie Lichtfuss

7:45 am – Al Doermann

9:00 am – Craig Giles

Communion Assistants: Janet Bowersox, Sue Roach, Sandra Harrison, Pete Morano, Dotti Morano

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

10:30 am – Greg Hare

Acolyte – 5:00 pm – Taylor Glass Button

Acolyte – 10:30 am – Haley Hoff

AUGUST 9-10, 2013

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Karen Ganjon

9:00 am – Ron Fairchild

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

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

10:30 am – Rich Schuster

Acolyte – 10:30 am – Amelia Dowling

AUGUST 17-18, 2013

5:00 pm – Pat Goldberg

7:45 am – Dena Hodges

9:00 am – Pete Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Leanne Elliott, Sharon Glass, Taylor Glass Button, Al Law, Sheila Law

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

10:30 am – Charlie Beckhardt

Acolyte – 10:30 am – Erin Sherlock

AUGUST 24-25, 2013

5:00 pm – Kay Betz

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Jamie Krichinsky

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

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

10:30 am – Kara Schuster

Acolyte – 10:30 am – Anna Tschiegg

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Evelyn Babylon

9:00 am – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Leanne Elliott, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling, Kim Eckenrode, Chad Plendl

Ushers: Nathan Dowling, Brian Sherfey, Linwood Van Horn, Les Null

10:30 am – Anna Tschiegg

Acolyte – 10:30 am – Haley Hoff



PLEASE NOTE

Worship Leaders: Please note, assignments are being made on a monthly basis over the summer. A longer term schedule will be sent for the fall. If you cannot fulfill a particular assignment, please trade dates with another person and let Dawn know in the church office. Thank you!

AUGUST

SANCTUARY –
Barbara Croft & Jean Yeakel

GRACE HALL –
Nancy Suder

August Birthdays

August 1

Kurland, Robert
Landy, Barbara
Vernon, Kyle

August 2

Lewis, Jennifer
Vogt, Helen

August 3

Baker, Ian
Hadden, Earl
Harper, Tristan
Kramperth, Nathaniel
Leutner, Julia
Morrow, Linda
Rutzebach, Andrea

August 4

Crews, Sarah
Degitz, Doug
Forman, Ben
Hertsch, Gary
Schuster, Kara
Selby, Allison

August 5

Hood, Novella

August 6

Dorsey, Carol
Hoff, Nicholas
Meinecke, Gregory
Rasnack, Brittany

August 7

Daumant, Linda
Drumgoole, Sue

August 8

Bowersox, Claire
Brynes, Patrick
Comegna, Bill
Dowling, Stacie
Moore, John

August 9

Davis, Doug
Fieni, Danielle
Gardner, Marisa
Spreitzer, Acton

August 10

Baker, Collin
Conaway, Aspen
Darby, Paul
DeCosmo, Lindsey
Steers, Amanda

August 11

Arbaugh, Angela
Bair, Gloria
Gray, Rebecca
Holmes, Christopher
Meehan, Shane
Rosenberg, Lillian
Schaffer, Debbie
Schlerf, Betty
Stonesifer, Denise

August 12

Connelly, Parker
Drechsler, Dorothy
Liebno, Dick
Suder, Joseph

August 13

Hertsch, Joyce
Ludwig, Don
Schaeffer, Bobbye
Schubert, Jerome
Vadder, Michael

August 14

Clements, Richard
Hegg, Alea
Johnson, Andrea

August 15

Miller, Amanda
Nightingale, Darla
Norris, Michaelle
Plendl, Taryn
Rhodes, Lucas

August 16

Gretz, Joanne
Roth, Jennifer
Spears, Jennifer

August 17

Charnley, Theodore
Johnson, Bryan

August 18

Bowersox, Maddison
Gillispie, Howard
Reitz, Gilbert

August 19

Brown, Charles
Cooper, John
Hebden, Zachary
Stoner, Karen

August 20

Blomster, Erik
Daumant, Marie
Green, Amanda
Hoff, Gabrielle
Shrader, Michelle
Steinberg, William

August 21

James, Catherine
Wildesen, Justin

August 22

Krichinsky, Jamie
Willet, Jesse

August 23

Crowl, Maddie
Ford, Tom
Morelock, Jessica
Rogge, Joan
Schuchardt, Kasey
Tabatsko, Susan

August 24

Crews, Benjamin
Czarnowsky, Tyler
Duncan, Rose
Smith, Jordan
Utz, Dorothy

August 25

Carbaugh, Jennifer
Marcellino, Anna
Sick, Michele
Simpson, Taylor
Smith, Alexander

August 26

Eckenrode, Mike
Gretz, Connor
Palazzo, Braeden
Wisner, Doris

August 27

Aasen, Yvonne
Brennan, Katie
DeGreif, Kevin
Dowling, Greg
Vadder, Henry
Winterstein, Jeanne
Yingling, Ginny

August 28

Bair, Peggy
Wimmer, Garrett

August 29

Hypes, Tasha
Lightner, James
Nevius, Evelyn

August 30

McGrath, Frank
Urban, Amanda

August 31

Gladden, Ally
Myers, Michael

*Oops!! We apologize for
inadvertently missing
Charlie Buhrman's birthday
on June 18 in our last
newsletter.*



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., Paul Roberts, Chris St. Germain, Fred Tiedemann, Ben Weber, 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, George Evans, Trudy Hirt, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Mary Ruth Mason, Donald and Nancy Michael, Evelyn Nevius, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Marion Bauman, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Ken Gist, Becky Gottschalk, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Tommy Joy III, Mandy Kent, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Christinia Libby, Sandy & Walter Long, Mimi Loudon and her daughter Kristen Lipp, Janet Martin, Marge Novak, Dail Pease, Kayla Rockwell, Chris St. Germain (civilian contractor in Afghanistan), Don Simmons, Norma Smith, 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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