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Deadline for *November*

Grace Notes is **Tuesday, October 15**. 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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We Are the Church

I learned this song in Sunday School:

I am the Church, you are the Church, we are the Church together. All who follow Jesus all around the world, yes, we're the Church together. The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

Important facts often come in the form of simple messages and this song has provided a very important image for me of what it means to be the church. The church is the gathered people of God who declare Jesus as their Lord and Savior and desire to proclaim that particular truth to the world by word and deed. This message often becomes muted by the ravages of sin and the many other voices that compete for the people's attention. It has been said that for many the message of the gospel is seen as nothing more than one opinion among many. The world has come to believe that our faith is a matter of opinion because, as a people, we have become timid in the sharing of the message of Jesus.

Increasingly we act as if **faith** is more of an inconvenience than a way in which to live our lives. Sunday morning worship is seen as interference to our daily plans. Financial support for the ministries of the church is seen as a drain on personal resources. Being a part of a ministry opportunity is seen as something to do only if it doesn't interfere with all those other things we have come to view as more important.

The Church, as the body of Christ, shares responsibility for this lack of commitment. We ask too little of each other. We start out "If it isn't too much bother could you do this or that?" We make excuses for each other; "Oh times are tough!" or "People are already so busy." So church leaders are hesitant to ask for anything and consequently we get less and less of the very things we need to do ministry. And the struggle becomes one of learning to do all we can with ever shrinking resources. Even though as a people we are cramming our lives and our homes with more and more stuff the church struggles along with dwindling resources.

Long ago there was a parable told of a little boy who heard in Sunday School the story of Jesus who gave his life for all people. That Sunday in worship when the offering plate came around the little boy, reflecting on all that Jesus had done for him, began to cry. When his mother asked him what was wrong he lamented "I am sad because the offering plates are too small." When he saw his mother's puzzled look, he explained, "I want to give all of me to Jesus, but the plate is too small to hold me."

I fear that as a church we ask too little of each other. Jesus gave himself completely for us; how can we do any less in return? A theologian by the name of Cheryl Peterson noted that more often than not people merely see the church as a voluntary organization in which volunteers do voluntary work. The Church is in fact the spirit-breathed people of

God who are the Body of Christ in the world. We have been blessed and empowered for the sake of doing the mission of God in the world which is to make the love of God real for all people. God has blessed us for a purpose; how well are you using the tools with which God has blessed you for this important work?

Pastor Kevin



Food and Faith

Gifts from God

Our world has gone crazy over food! Who would have ever thought that the interest in food would create not only the food industry, but television networks, magazines, and apps dedicated to finding the best food available! We know as Christians that our real source of food is the goodness of God who gives the springtime and the harvest, the sunshine and the rain. The Bible is filled with images and accounts that reveal that a shared meal has been at the heart of family and community life since the beginning of time.

Our Response to God's Gifts

Lately, I've been thinking more about how as followers of Jesus we might do well to be more thoughtful about the connection between "food and faith." There are a number of ways in which we can make that connection: (1) we can think about our food choices and the impact those choices will have on our health and well-being; (2) we can think about our food choices and their economic impact on others in our society, particularly those who have grown, harvested, packaged and sold the food; (3) we can look more deeply at how food is connected to developing and sustaining human relationships. While there are no doubt even more ways in which we could grow in our appreciation of food as a gift of God and a way in which we live out our discipleship, these three areas are a good place to begin.

Our Congregation and Food

Grace Lutheran Church's ministry is certainly connected to food! Like all church-people (indeed *all* people) we like our meals! Many congregational events include a meal or at least a reception with food. On the last Wednesdays in April – October, members and friends of Grace meet for potluck and song. Table of Grace and Ardent Folk are a major means of outreach week-in-and-week-out all year long. These meals are especially important because members of Grace gather, not to feed ourselves, but to offer food and friendship to neighbors who are in need. During the winter, we provide a meal weekly to the Cold Weather Shelter. The Community Garden, now shared by other human services, was begun and continues to be sustained by the efforts of people of our congregation. Grace is one of the few congregations still offering Funeral Luncheons. Our financial gifts to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran World Relief help to provide food and a means to develop and sustain their own economy for people in developing nations. No doubt, I've forgotten other ways in

which food enters into our congregational ministry, but I hope you get the picture! God has blessed us richly with the gift of food and we find it a blessing to share that food not only among ourselves but with our neighbors as well.

New Food and Faith Ministry

This fall, under the leadership of the Adult Education Committee, a new food-related ministry is about to begin. We haven't settled on a specific title, so at this point, I am calling it "Food and Faith Diners." The best way to think of this ministry is to think of it as a small group of adults who are interested in food and would like to join with others in considering the many aspects of how faith and food connect. It is a group for people who enjoy preparing and eating great meals!

Food and Faith Diners will meet quarterly. Each person will be asked to contribute \$10 per meal as well as participate actively in set-up, preparation, and clean-up of the meals. We will take turns fulfilling the various roles. Each time we gather for a meal, we will take a little bit of time, perhaps over dessert, to learn about some aspect of this important relationship between food and faith. Some possible topics will relate to social justice, others to health and nourishment; and others to ethnic and cultural influences.

There is already a planning committee at work developing this new ministry. Now we are looking for others who are interested in getting involved in "Food and Faith Diners." You don't have to be a great cook! You do, however, have to enjoy eating and have a willingness to relax and enjoy working with others! The planning committee is doing enough to get things started, but is looking forward to the input of those who become part of the diners group.

The first meal of the "Food and Faith Diners" will be on Sunday, November 10 in the Fellowship Hall/Theater at Grace at 5:00pm. In addition to enjoying a lovely meal and getting to know one another, our topic for discussion will be "Hospitality and Community Building."

If you are interested in getting involved in this new ministry, you can talk with me or let me know via email, mclementson@gracelc.org. We will be taking responses via the RCR cards in the coming weeks as well.

Prayer for our Blessings

Gracious Father, in the summer and fall seasons we are so aware of the wonderful sights and tastes that you have

provided. We give thanks for the rich abundance of fruits and vegetables that we enjoy especially in these months. Help us to always acknowledge that they come from your graciousness. Enable us to use these gifts wisely and to share them

generously for the sake of your whole creation. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Martha



Heifer International

As of September 16, 2013,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$2,605.88.



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

Pot Luck and Song **Wednesday, October 30 – 6:00 pm**

Please Join Us.....



Each year from April – October, members and friends of Grace gather on the last Wednesday of the month for a pot luck dinner and a time of singing our favorite hymns. On October 30 we will meet for the last time until spring. Please come on out and enjoy a great night of food, fellowship and song!



Thursday Evening Book Club

“A Lineage of Grace” by Francine Rivers tells the story of five women who were in the lineage of Jesus. Each of these women has a unique story, but all faced adversity and challenge with a faith that enabled them to be servants of God. We will begin our reading with the story of “Tamar,” who was betrayed by the men who controlled her future. Yet she fought for the right to believe in a loving God. Book club participants are invited to read Book One “Unveiled.” Discussion will be held on October 10 & 24 in the Library from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. If you’d like to join us, please make arrangements with Pastor Martha to receive a book.



New Members Class



New Member
Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of Grace? If so, please plan to attend the New Member Classes that will be held on the four Sundays in November during the Education Hour (10:15 a.m.) Classes, led by Pastor Martha, include an overview of Lutheranism and its teachings and practices here at Grace, a tour of the church facility and information about the many, many ministries carried out by our congregation. New members will be received at the All Grace Worship Service on Sunday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in membership, please contact one of the pastors.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

HARVEST HOOP-DEE-DO



Our annual Harvest Hoop-Dee-Do will be on **OCTOBER 27 FROM 6-8PM!** Join us for some fun activities, a costume parade, and trunk or treating! This year we have a special guest MONTE LEISTER who will be leading some music and fun with the kids! The Hoop-Dee-Do is lots of fun so we would love to have you join us this year! We will see you in Grace Hall at 6pm dressed in costume and Trunk-or-Treating will happen in the Little Friends of Grace parking lot! Let's make this year one for the books!

Family Retreat

Youth and Family would like to offer another Family Retreat if there is an interest! At this point we are looking to find out what families are interested in a retreat and when would be a good time of year. We are planning for 2014 but we would like to know if spring, summer, fall, or winter works best for your family. On the RCR card at worship please indicate if you are interested by checking the box then on the line that indicates "when" please let us know what time of year would work best for your family. You can be as detailed or vague as you would like here [you can say any weekend except the 3rd weekend in August **OR** you can just say Fall]. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to talk to Leanne Elliott or Tiffany Cox.



RIVER VALLEY RANCH MAIZEFEST



It's October! That means it's time for the Maizefest at River Valley Ranch! This is an event for **ALL YOUTH 6TH-12TH GRADE** on October 26, 2013! We will meet in the Carroll Street Parking Lot at 3:30pm! The Maize closes at 9pm so we will be back no later than 10pm [it all depends on how lost we get!]. Please RSVP by signing the sheet in Legacy, Confirmation, or Sunday School Classroom by **Sunday October 20!** The cost is \$9 [which includes the Maize, Hayride, Mini Maizes, Game Area [carpet ball, corn hole, ga ga ball], Cider Press Demonstration, and Playground]. You will also need to bring money for the food vendors and there are other activities you can do for \$1/ticket. Check it out at www.rivervalleyranch.com to see everything they have to offer! And **don't forget your flashlight!** If you have any questions contact Ms. Leanne!

GRACE PERMISSION FORM

ALL STUDENTS IN 6TH-12TH GRADE **MUST** TURN IN A GRACE PERMISSION FORM TO MS. LEANNE! High school students this is the blue form you received in the mail. Middle school students your form is yellow and you received one in your mailing [confirmation students you also received one in your confirmation mailing]. If you have already turned in your form...You Rock! If not...you will rock once you turn it in! Even if you think you're never ever going to go on an event with Grace I still need the form...and who knows, you might change your mind one day! Please get these forms to me ASAP! *If you have already managed to lose the form you can find it under downloadable resources on the Grace website...so no excuses!

Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development



This month's article finds the music ministry at Grace back in full swing. The three traditional choirs and various soloists are working hard on their musical offerings planned throughout the fall. The Luther Choir has a whopping 12 kids in the membership so far! I am very excited to see the younger youth planting the seeds for a thriving musical future at Grace.



The Christmas Celebration will be held in the Sanctuary this year and will feature Festival, Chancel, and Luther Choirs, Akaloo Kids, Soloists, and Instrumentalists. This year the music will be performed in conjunction with a Sunday School drama, *A Night in Shining Darkness*, by Lynda Pujadó. Don't miss what will surely be an event to remember for years to come! The Christmas Celebration will be held on December 15 at 3pm.

If you have musical ability, a fine way to contribute to the life of our church would be to join one of our vocal or instrumental ensembles. If you are worried about time commitment, know that the Festival Choir and Instrumentalists only meet for about 6 weeks during the Christmas season. The other choirs run more continuously but the commitment can be organized into shorter goals. Please consider being a part of the musical life at Grace! See you at worship!

Upcoming Extraordinary Musical Events:

- Sunday, October 27, at 11:15am – Luther Choir will be performing at the Reformation service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, November 3, at 11:15am – Agape Handbell Choir will be performing at the All Saints' service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, November 24, at 11:15am – Children's Chorus of Carroll County will be performing at the Christ-the-King service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 1, at 10:00am – Luther Choir will be performing at the All Grace Advent 1 service in Grace Hall.
- Wednesday, December 4, at 10am – Fifth Annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 8, at 9:00am – Agape Handbell Choir will be performing at the Advent 2 service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, December 15, at 3pm – Christmas Celebration with drama, vocal choirs and soloists, and instrumentalists. Held in Grace Hall in the past, this year the event will be held in the Sanctuary.

WELCA

by Helen Englar

The Women of the ELCA of Grace will meet on Monday, October 21. The program will be the second in a series on "Women of the Bible." Please join us at 1:30 pm in the Library. All women are invited.

The Westminster Cluster will be having their meeting in October as well. The date, time and location are to be determined. Please watch the Weekly Announcements for details.



First Communion Classes

Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion are invited to participate in a series of classes in order to learn about the sacrament and be prepared to receive it. Most children receive first communion around second grade, however, we have students as young as four or five years old and as old as fifth and sixth grades. The timing of first communion depends upon the desire of the child, parents and pastor.

Pastor Martha and Leanne Elliott will be offering First Communion Classes on Saturdays, November 23, 30 and December 7 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Those who participate in the classes will receive their first communion at the worship service of their choice on December 7 or 8.

If your child is interested in participating in the classes, please contact Pastor Martha at mclementson@gracelc.org.

Thank you! Thank you! What We Did on Rally Day

September 8 Rally Day was a great success here at Grace!!! Participants had a great time and served our congregation and community in many, many ways. Rally Day projects included:

- 3 year olds, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten – made placemats for Ardent Folk and Table of Grace
- 1st & 2nd Grades – made cards to send to shut-in members
- 3rd & 4th Grades – rolled yarn into balls for prayer shawl ministry
- 5th & 6th Grades – put together 13 birthday bags for NESAP
- Confirmation Classes – put together 75 bags of laundry soap, 60 bags of dog food and 60 bags of cat food for Shepherd's Staff
- Legacy (high school) – created five blankets for the Linus Project
- Adults – covered 14 boxes for WELCA to use at Christmas for the Seafarer's gifts, helped Lois with a mailing and name tags at Shepherd's Staff, planted ivy on the hill next to the Carroll Street parking lot, cleaned up the grounds around the church and the Little Friends of Grace Play Ground, and last but not least served lunch to more than 100 hungry workers!



Thank you to everyone who helped to lead the service projects, worked in the kitchen and donated supplies for the many projects. We are grateful to everyone for a generous amount of participation which made it a great day for everyone. The work we did will be enjoyed by many people in the months to come.

If you'd like to see the video, "God's Work. Our Hands," visit our church's website.

Legacy Circle of Grace

- Have you included Grace Lutheran Church in your will?
- Have you made Grace Lutheran Church a beneficiary of a life insurance plan?
- Have you been thinking about it, but not yet taken action?



Legacy Circle of Grace is a group of members who have committed themselves to the future life of this congregation by including Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in their will or estate plan. Your gift to Grace helps to ensure that this congregation will be able to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus and reach out to the community in His name for years to come.

Each year, Legacy Circle members join in a dinner of fellowship and prayer. New Circle members are honored with a gift of a rendering of Grace. The dinner this year will be held on Saturday, October 19 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have included Grace in your estate planning or are in the process of doing so, please let us know. Remember, your witness can make a difference for someone else! Please contact one of the Co-Senior Pastors for more information.

Shepherd's Staff – "Call for Coats"

The Shepherd's Staff kicks off its "Call for Coats" Program at Westminster Fall Fest on Saturday, September 28 and runs through Friday, November 15. Drop off donations of new and gently used outerwear for infants through adults at Admiral Cleaners locations, co-sponsor of the Program and at the Carroll County Times. Call Kathy Taylor, 410-857-5944 at The Shepherd's Staff for other drop-off locations. Coats will be distributed FREE to Carroll County residents by The Shepherd's Staff at 30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD throughout the cold weather months.



Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Start of School

The school year began on September 3 with 98 students enrolled. We have two two-day two-year old classes, one two-day three-year old class, two three-day three-year old classes, and three Pre-K 4's classes. The children are adjusting well to the beginning of school; we have had very few criers!

Parent Night

We will invite our parents to school the evenings of September 30, October 2 and 3. This will be for adults only as our teachers will inform parents of the daily routine of the classroom.

Fundraiser

Little Friends of Grace is participating in the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event. We will be selling tickets for \$5.00 each which entitles you to a coupon for 25% off one day of shopping on October 22. Please call the preschool office if you have any questions.

Dining Out Evenings

We plan to schedule various dining out evenings throughout the school year. Our first dining out will take place at Belisimo's in Finksburg on Wednesday, October 9 from 11:00am until 9:00pm. We are always happy to have members of the Grace congregation join us but if you are unable attend our dining out, we welcome any contributions to the scholarship fund.

Campbell's Soup Labels

We continue to collect Campbell's soup labels. Please note that Campbell's now requires the UPC number and not the front labels. If you use any of these products please cut them out and pass on to the preschool.

Field Trips

The Pre-K classes went to Explore & More Children's Museum on September 23, 25, and 27. This trip ends our Welcome to School unit. The Pre-K four-year old classes will visit Pleasant Valley Fire Station on October 2 and 4; Sargent Benfer will visit the Pre-K four-year old classes on October 7.

The three-year old classes will have a visit from firefighter Lucas Geiman on October 8 and 9; and then head to Belisimo's on October 24 and 25 as part of our community helper unit.

Chapel Time

Our Pre-K four-year old classes are visiting Pastor Martha in the sanctuary while Pastor Martha visits the three-year old classes starting this month. The three's will go to the sanctuary beginning in January. What a wonderful opportunity this is for our preschool children.

Many fun things are happening at preschool! Little Friends of Grace is appreciative of the continued support of the congregation.

Grace Lutheran Time and Talent Show Saturday, November 2, 2013



We will be having a Time and Talent Show on Saturday, November 2, 2013, in Grace Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (light refreshments will be served at 6:00 pm). This event is for the entire congregation to share your God-given talent and to also learn about some of the ministries of Grace Lutheran. The type of acts include (but are not limited to) singing, dancing, comedy, juggling, etc. (acts should be 5 minutes or less). Admission is free. This is a non-competitive show and will not be judged. Ted Dix will provide accompaniment for those who request it. Advanced registration is required for talent show acts – to sign up, contact Deborah Brennan at email dbrennansimplyballet@yahoo.com or Laura Heller at email lheller1@msn.com, phone 443-291-6044 or fill out the RCR card at worship.

Financial Report for August, 2013

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

	<u>August, 2013</u>	<u>January-August, 2013</u>
Income		
General Giving Income	\$ 51,533.29	\$418,251.31
Debt Reduction Income	14,373.50	94,369.50
Other Income	<u>11,186.77</u>	<u>141,426.03</u>
Total Income	\$ 77,093.56	\$654,046.84
Expenditures		
General Expenses	\$ 75,801.68	\$667,162.63 *1
Improvements/ Cap. Exp.	500.00	4,471.50 *2
Debt Reduction	<u>15,775.12</u>	<u>126,200.96</u> *3
Total Expenses	\$ 92,076.80	\$797,835.09
Net Income/Loss	\$(14,983.24)	\$(143,788.25)

**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 expenditures 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 September 2013 is \$1,793,502.82.

As you can see, we have a deficit for the year thru August 31, 2013, of \$143,788.25. We need to make sure we continue our giving for the remainder of the year

Give, and it will be given to you.

In His service,
 F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer



Church & Village: Partners in Ministry September 2013



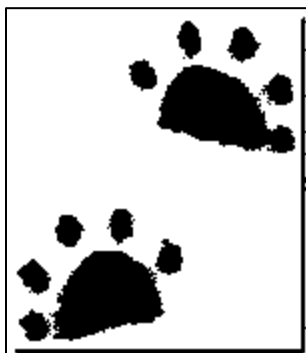
Free Upcoming Workshops to Help Older Adults Prepare for Retirement

Seating is limited for both sessions. Please register in advance at 410-848-8922, 800-887-0095 or marketing@clvillage.org.

- **Preparing and Selling Your Home in Today's Real Estate Market** - October 3, 10:00am-11:30am in Krug Chapel Auditorium. Local Realtors guide this session to help older adults understand the challenges and opportunities in today's real estate market, especially those who have been in their current homes for a long period of time, with an eye toward selling in order to move to a retirement community.
- **Preparing for a Financially Sustainable Retirement at Carroll Lutheran Village** - October 15, 2:00pm-4:00pm. Carroll Lutheran Village is one of the most affordable continuing care retirement communities in the Baltimore area. Come learn about the affordability and financial strength of the Village as well as strategies to sustain your personal net worth and generate income upon retirement.



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Seems like there is something in the air, some sort of change is coming. To me it feels like summer must be ending. How can that be, it just started the other day. Fall must be getting ready to make an appearance and I'm not even thinking about what comes after that. Summer, my favorite season, is always an active time here at the pond. Early summer means someone is usually having little ones in or around our home, plants sprout new growth, flying things visit to either deposit their offspring in the water or, get a bath and just get something to drink before they continue their journey.

You know, sometimes when I look back at past seasons and what just happened this summer, I realize I'm not in the pond alone. Don't get me wrong, there are times I wish I were alone. No neighbors to bother with, no noise other than what I make. Eat and sleep anytime I want and no one wanting anything from me. Then I wonder what that would be like and I don't like it. I need that clamber and disturbance around me. It's life as intended, I guess. If I ate all day, I'd be bigger than the pond and that just wouldn't work for anybody! I have to do my share by pulling my own weight which is necessarily something physical. I can help others during tuff times and even welcome help from others when I need it. This could apply to anything like shelter, food, listening or even just being there for someone else.

Now that I discovered all this, sometimes I could use someone around to have a conversation with. I just can't keep it all in and have to vent once in a while. Wow, I'm starting to feel better already. See how this works?

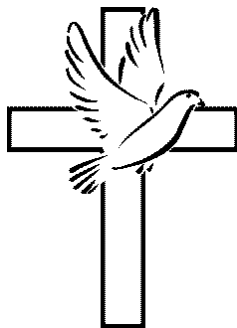
How was your summer? Were you active with others? Did you help someone or did someone help you with a project or anything? Did you assist anyone needing shelter or food? Did you listen to others or control the conversation? It really isn't that hard at all, is it?

Come on, get involved and please remember to support your church and my ministry to stop world hunger.

I do love you,

Timmy

Personal Notes



Baptized into the Body of Christ:

9/22/13 – Cadence Lucille Meador, daughter of Andrea Kempf and Davin Meador

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Marcia Ford (wife of Tom Ford) – August 28, 2013

Family of Mary Ruth Mason – September 11, 2013

Mar-Lu-Ridge Fall Service Project Opportunity

The Grace Lutheran Mission Team will be helping at Mar-Lu-Ridge in October. We have been asked to install ceramic tile in two rooms so we will be cutting and gluing on October 19 and grouting on October 26. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help out on one or both days, no particular skills needed. Carpooling and meals will be available. We will meet at Grace at 6:45am on both days and return no later than 6:00pm. If you have an interest in going or want additional information, please contact Laura Heller at 443-291-6044 or lheller1@msn.com or fill out the RCR card at worship.

Scholarship Thank You Letter



Dear Scholarship Committee:

I am writing this to express my utmost gratitude for selecting me as a recipient for a scholarship. I very much appreciate that you considered and selected me for this award.

I hope all is well back in Westminster. Thank you again and God bless.

*Sincerely,
Nathan Dowling*



Cathedral Crossroads Program

by Sharon Glass

The Adult Education Committee of Grace Lutheran Church is planning another Advent pilgrimage to Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC to attend the Cathedral Crossroads program on Tuesday, November 26. Cathedral Crossroads are evenings of contemplative practice on the last Tuesday of each month; they are free and open to the public.

Currently, we plan to depart by carpool at 2 pm. Please indicate if you are able and willing to drive, or if you will need a ride. We leave in time to visit the Cathedral Museum Shop, eat a bag meal (bring your own) together, and join the program which begins at 6pm with Centering Prayer. The special program for November is entitled "Sacred Circle Dancing." The evening is yours to structure as you wish. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes; the Cathedral is accessible to the lower level by elevator. Additional detailed information for the drive to the Cathedral will be provided once you have registered. There may be a minimal fee to cover gas and parking. For more information, and the evening's schedule, visit the link listed here.

<http://www.nationalcathedral.org/worship/crossroads.shtml>

If you would like to register for the Cathedral Crossroads program, please email Dawn Stem at dstem@gracelc.org with the following information. You may also provide your information on the RCR card at worship:

Please provide your name, your email address, your phone (best number to reach you/leave a message). Please also indicate the following:

- ☐ I can drive my van/car. (Please indicate how many individuals you can carry in your vehicle.)
 - ☐ I will be a rider, and am happy to pay a minimal fee to go towards mileage and parking reimbursement.
- (Please bring cash on November 26.)

Cold Weather Shelter

by Sandy Hoff



It's time again to ready ourselves to serve the homeless in our area at the Cold Weather Shelter. This will be our 4th year preparing meals for the men and women who call the shelter home from November until March. The Shelter is open from 7 pm to 7 am to allow those in need a place to get out of the elements. We will be preparing and serving meals every Saturday and I am once again looking forward to showing the graciousness of our congregation.

The great thing about volunteering to serve the homeless through the Cold Weather Shelter is there are so many ways to help.

1-Cook Casseroles-This involves cooking a casserole that freezes well about 3-4 times during the months of Nov – March.

2-Serve Dinner at the Shelter-This involves heating casseroles at the church and then transporting them to the shelter to serve the evening's guests. The time commitment for this is roughly 4:30-7:30/8. You must be over 18.

If you cannot commit to one of these opportunities, keep us in mind while grocery shopping during the months of November-March. We like to add hot soup to our casserole meals. Our weekly needs are Progressive Soups, (Chicken Noodle, Tomato, and Vegetable), crackers and gallon jugs of iced tea and lemonade. You may purchase these at any time and put them in the kitchen with the label CWS.

Please join us! The division of cooking and serving allows people who would normally not be able to volunteer because of work or other commitments to become active with those in need. It need only be a few hours per month to make a big difference in the lives of those around you. With supervision, cooking can be a service project for school age children. Contact Sandy Hoff 410-857-1197 or hoffy1015@comcast.net or use the RCR card at worship.

Lutheran Church Men Fall Dinner Meeting

by Ed Leister

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Fall Dinner Meeting on Monday, October 28 at 6:30 pm at St. Luke (Winters) Lutheran Church near New Windsor. A free-will offering will be received for the meal with \$11.00 requested.

The ladies of the church will be serving a family-style Roast Beef dinner with all the fixings. Following dinner, devotions and a good old fashioned male four-part harmony hymn sing will be held in the church nave.

Come and support Pastor Kevin as the new Dean of the Westminster Conference. Reservations to Ed Leister at 410-848-8640, email eleister@qis.net or on the RCR card at worship on or before Sunday, October 13.

Carroll Hospice Bereavement Skills Training

Carroll Hospice, located at 292 Stoner Avenue in Westminster is offering Bereavement Skills Training for anyone interested in learning about grief and how to help the bereaved. Classes will be held on 5 consecutive Wednesdays (October 16, 23 & 30 and November 6 & 13) from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. There is no cost for the classes. To register, please contact Kathy Bare (410-871-7231) or Jessica Roschen (410-871-7656).



October Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)
 7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 LFOG Meet the Teacher Night (103, 104, 106)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm LFOG Meet the Teacher Night (100, 103)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 6:00 pm Women Leave for Weekend Away (Ocean City, MD)
 6:30 pm Children Chorus (FH)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013

8:00 am Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast (GH, FH, UGS)
 5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2013

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 3:00 pm Women Return from Weekend Away (Ocean City, MD)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Pack 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

(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



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (112)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (L)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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, OCTOBER 15, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)
 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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, OCTOBER 17, 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 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Thursday Night AA (109/110)

October Calendar of Events (continued)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2013

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 8:00 am Youth Leave for FreeRide Retreat (Northeast, MD)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013

9:00 am Red Cross Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED (108)
 10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:00 pm 2nd Annual Legacy Circle of Grace Celebration Banquet (T)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Youth Return from FreeRide Retreat (Northeast, MD)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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 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 (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Thursday Night AA (109/110)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013

11:00 am Good News Prison Ministry Banquet (GH, FH, UGS)
 3:30 pm Maizefest @ River Valley Ranch
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 6:00 pm Harvest Hoop-Dee-Do (GH, FH, T, UGS)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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, OCTOBER 29, 2013

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (LGS)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 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)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 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 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Thursday Night AA (109/110)

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**Committee
Reports Due**

Annual Reports are Due on November 3

Please note that committee and ministry reports for 2013 are due no later than Sunday, November 3. If at all possible, please submit your information in a Word document. Reports should be emailed to Dawn at dstem@gracelc.org.



**Committee
Reports Due**

October Worship Leaders & Assistants

OCTOBER 5-6, 2013

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Dena Hodges, **Reader:** Al Doermann

9:00 am – Joette Campanello

Communion Assistants: Pete Morano, Dotti Morano, Erin Sherlock, Murph Murphy, JoAnn Murphy

Ushers: Randy Bachtel, Don Ludwig, Jocelyn Spreitzer, Bob Spreitzer

11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg

Acolyte – 5:00 pm – Taylor Glass Button; **11:15 am** – Haley Hoff



OCTOBER 12-13, 2013

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss, **Reader:** Elissa Streaker

7:45 am – Karen Ganjon

9:00 am – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Sandra Harrison, Stacey Tanzey, Rich Chaney, Bill Comegna, Alyson Guerra

Ushers: Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges, John Yarish

11:15 am – Cosette Schneider

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

OCTOBER 19-20, 2013

5:00 pm – Laura Heller, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

7:45 am – Pat Goldberg

9:00 am – Jamie Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Greg Hare, Doris Hare, Craig Giles

Ushers: Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes

11:15 am – Kara Schuster

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

OCTOBER 26-27, 2013

5:00 pm – Yvonne Aasen

7:45 am – Leonard Cherry

9:00 am – Paul Whitson

Communion Assistants: Sheila Law, Al Law, Mark Tanzey, Ann Thomas, Laura Heller

Ushers: Linwood Van Horn, Tammy Lowman, Chuck Lowman, Bill Comegna

11:15 am – Greg Hare

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg



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Doris Hare

Elissa Streaker

GRACE HALL –

Cyndy Beckhardt

October Birthdays

October 1

Adams, Marcia
Schoenberger, Virginia

October 2

Grigg, Isabelle
Kessler, Brianna
Kozlowski, Laura
Marley, Camryn

October 3

Bittner, Megan
Lichtfuss, Grace

October 4

Babylon, Evelyn
Buttner, Samuel
DeRita, Ronnie
Jones, Louise
Roth, Cheryl

October 5

Eyler, William
Heller, Laura
Spencer, Judy

October 6

Serghini, Barbara

October 7

Benton, Pat
Stauffer, Elias

October 8

Bair, Harvey
Bradfield, Kaitlyn
Harris, Megan
Pogue, Diana
Yeakel, Jean

October 9

Doermann, Al
Gordon, Thomas
Guerra, Joseph
Lockard, Nathaniel

October 10

Dixon, Pam
Leese, Dorothy

October 11

Border, Ted
Clementson, Kevin
Croft, Barbara
Haydu, Louise
Nixon, Clayton

October 12

Bradfield, John
Eppler, Frederick

October 13

Day, Lexi
Gregory, Jheri
Kessler, Tina

October 14

Bitzel, Alex
DeGreif, Andrea
Jacobson, Jennifer
Spears, Howard
Vietz, Paul

October 15

Charnley, Barbara
Fowler, Henry
Hoff, Haley
Martin, Monica

October 16

Fendlay, Kelsey
Oddis, Michael

October 17

Cimbalista, Hunter
DeCosmo, Rachel
Helt, Mark
Kent, Donna
Roth, David

October 18

Wampler, Mary Frances

October 19

Alisauckas, Jeff
Barnes, Harry
Lienhard, Kathryn
Rouch, Gloria-Jean
Selby, Jeffrey
Steers, Lauren

October 20

Shultz, Megan
Strevig, Brinlee

October 21

Bongardt, Coleman
Moreland, Julie
Pringle, Aime
Seney, Dolores
Stanton, Burke

October 22

Stiles, Eric

October 23

Beck, Miriam
Becker, Glenn
Denton, Barbara
Hare, Greg
Huffman, Lara

October 24

Fordi, Claire

October 25

Kurland, Aiden
Palazzo, Amy

October 26

Bowersox, Paul
Clatterbuck, Cyndy
Goetz, Gary
Paulsen, Will
Phipps, Elizabeth
Scocco, Megan

October 27

Lockard, Alice

October 28

Border, Carley
Gist, Ryan
Nixon, Jared

October 29

Byers, Jon-David
Nelson, Layten
Zayed, Adam

October 30

Mays, Nichole

October 31

Eppler, Donna
McGinnis, Lois
Mens, Nicole
Piisila, Erik



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, 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, Helen Corbett, George Evans, Trudy Hirt, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Donald and Nancy Michael, Evelyn Nevius, Ilona Ries, Ellen Terry, Dorothy Utz

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Marion Bauman, Brian Bowersox, Mary Bush and her family, Mike Button, Janet Clingan, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Ken Gist, Becky Gottschalk, Charles Hesson, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Grace Jones, Mandy Kent, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy & Walter Long, Bev McFerren, Lisa McKennedy and Alissa, Joe Mulick, Dail Pease, Jaxson Seifert, Karen Stoner, Ron Wentz, 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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