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# GRACE NOTES

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## Deadline for *October*

**Grace Notes is Tuesday, September 17. Please email your news to [Dawn - dstem@gracelc.org](mailto:Dawn-dstem@gracelc.org) or stop by the office during office hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).**

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**[HTTP://GRACELC.ORG/NEWS/GRACE-NOTES/](http://www.gracelc.org/news/grace-notes/)**

## Changing Seasons are a Gift from God

On a recent trip to Hagerstown, we saw the signs of fall's approach. Although the temperature outside was 89 degrees, the trees were already showing signs of fatigue....hints of yellows and reds were seen without much effort. On that same day most students returned to school, another summer behind us!

I hope that you were able to relax and enjoy at least a bit of a change of pace over the summer. I hope that you now look forward to the return of routine and interaction with others that seems to be renewed during the school year no matter what age we may be!

Lately, I've been reflecting a bit on the changing seasons in the life of the church. Of course, throughout human history the church has experienced many chapters in its life. But most specifically, I've been thinking about recent history of the Lutheran Church here in the United States.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the denomination of which Grace is a part, is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. That may not mean much to most Lutherans, but for me, it corresponds with a number of milestones in my own life. Pastor Kevin and I were ordained in 1982 in the Lutheran Church in America, one of three Lutheran bodies that merged six years later into the ELCA. As a young pastor I was asked to serve on the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod's Transition Team which planned the structure and mission of the newly forming synod. So I had a first-hand opportunity to see our church forming. Two months before Beth was born, Pastor Kevin and I travelled to Columbus, Ohio to attend the convention that closed the Lutheran Church in America and the opening assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. I missed the constituting convention of my synod because Beth was only a week old!

There were many expectations and hopes for this new church. Most of all, people believed that there would be a stronger witness for Christ to those who were not yet believers if we worked together as one rather than as three separate church bodies. Of course, there were growing pains as we learned to live together as one because though we shared a strong commitment to a common understanding of the faith we had very different practices when it came to being the church. And if you can remember back into the 1970's when this church was being dreamed about, you may recall that there was very little thought about the social issues that would become such a challenge after the formation of the ELCA in 1988.

While as a denomination we have grown, struggled, and suffered losses, we also have born much fruit. The ELCA serves Christ locally and globally each and every day. Global mission as well as global response to hunger, malaria, and other causes of poverty join the

work done by thousands of social ministry agencies here in this country to show the love of Christ to our neighbors every day. Teaching about Christ to persons of all ages has been a priority and its results were seen in the very strong participation of teens and young adults in this year's churchwide assembly in Pittsburgh (see Kevin Dayhoff's report in this newsletter).

The church as a national entity as well as our local congregation moves through various seasons, as do we. Whatever the season we need to ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and then seek to follow that guidance faithfully. Whether young, old, or in the middle, we will have opportunities to serve our Lord by serving our neighbor. I think that the changing seasons are really one of God's gifts to us, because in the changes we can be re-energized and re-centered for the sake of God's work in the world.

Just for fun, here are a couple random thoughts about the seasons of life:

"All Seasons have something to offer." Jeannette Walls, *The Glass Castle*

"Every season has its peaks and valleys. What you have to try to do is eliminate the Grand Canyon."

Andy Van Slyke (former baseball player for both the Orioles and the Pirates)

May you enjoy the changing of the seasons. We look forward to seeing you in worship and at the many, many activities and ministries here at Grace this fall.

Pastor Martha



### Growth for Ministry

In the months to come you are going to hear a lot about the financial campaign at Grace called Growth for Ministry. The goal is simple: to reduce or eliminate our mortgage so that more of our tithes and offerings can be translated into ministry rather than going as interest payments. This is an enormously important program that requires the commitment and contributions of everyone. The planning committee for this program has begun working and we hope to begin formally visiting all members of the congregation starting this fall and hopefully concluding those visits next year.

**We need your help right now...** The first half of this year has not been an especially fruitful year in terms of contributions to cover current costs and mortgage payments. We have fallen behind and have been forced to dip deeply into reserves in order to honor our obligations. The members of the Congregational Council and the pastors have already made a commitment to increase their formal contributions by approximately 12% in order to help reduce the deficit; however their efforts alone cannot accomplish the task. We need your help. Here are a few ways in which you can help:

1. Prayerfully consider your current giving to the ministries of Grace and how you might increase your support. (*The Congregational Council did this and grew in their giving by 12%*)
2. Consider a special sacrificial gift that could help reduce our current deficit.
3. Use an automated payment plan through your bank or you can set up online at [www.gracelc.org](http://www.gracelc.org). (Look for the blue "Online Giving" button on the right hand side of the screen.)

The desire of the leadership at Grace is to keep our focus on ministry and the living out of God's love within our community of faith and in the world. We do not want to make money an obstacle that gets in the way of ministry, yet without your faithful and generous support, in the not-so-distant future we may have to begin limiting the important ministries we do for the sake of the Gospel. God has richly blessed us and with your help we can faithfully grow in our work for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Peace, Pastor Kevin

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with Your Smartphone**





### **Heifer International**

As of August 26, 2013,  
the balance of the Heifer  
International Fund is \$2,566.67.



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

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### **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.

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### **September Red Cross Blood Drive**

by Emma Jane Weishaar



Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 16 from 2-8 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please contact Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or [ejweishaar@comcast.net](mailto:ejweishaar@comcast.net) to schedule an appointment.

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### **Thursday Evening Book Club**

The Thursday Evening Book Club will begin a discussion of *A Lineage of Grace* by Francine Rivers. This book is actually a compilation of the five books in the best-selling *Lineage of Grace* series by Francine Rivers. We meet the five women whom God chose—Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. Each was faced with extraordinary—even scandalous—challenges. Each took great personal risk to fulfill her calling. Each was destined to play a key role in the lineage of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World.

Books have been ordered. The cost will be \$10 each. Discussion of "Tamar" will begin on Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Books should be in by the time you read this, so please see Pastor Martha or stop in the church office to get your book.

The Book Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, year round, taking off time for various holidays!! New people are welcome!!!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

## Lutheran Youth Organization



I want to take a moment to congratulate Haley Hoff and Shelby Dannenfeldt on their acceptance into the Delaware-Maryland Synod's Lutheran Youth Organization! LYO is a high school leadership program where youth from across our synod are organized into five teams where they use their gifts and talents to serve the synod, their congregation, and the community! Haley will be serving on the Small Group Team and Shelby will be serving on the Service and Outreach Team! If you see them in church take a moment to congratulate them and please pray for them as they begin their year on LYO!

## 2014 MISSION TRIP!

I have been asked by several families if it would be possible to offer a Mission Trip during the summer of 2014 for the High School Youth. Youth and Family have decided we **WILL** be offering a trip but we will **NOT** be fundraising for the trip. We need to focus our fundraising efforts on the 2015 National Youth Gathering. Because of this we want to make sure we keep the cost of this summer's trip as low as possible. We will be doing a Youth Works trip June 29-July 3; however the dates of the trip may be extended on either side for travel. The cost of the trip will depend on location and this information will be available soon. This trip will be open to all students who have COMPLETED 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade as of June 2014. Questions? Feel free to contact Leanne Elliott at [lelliott@gracelc.org](mailto:lelliott@gracelc.org) or 410.848.7020.



## HARVEST HOOP-DEE-DO



Can you believe we're already talking about this?!?!?! 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! We always have lots of fun so we would love to have you join us again this year! Hoop-Dee-Do takes place in Grace Hall and Trunk-or-Treating will happen in the Little Friends of Grace parking lot!

## FREEERIDE

It is not too late to sign-up for FreeRide! This is an event for ALL STUDENTS IN 6-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE at Northbay Retreat Center in Maryland! FreeRide is sponsored by the Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA and will be **OCTOBER 18-20**. The cost per student is \$170 and your \$100 deposit plus registration packet is due to Miss Leanne **NO LATER THAN September 15!**



## YOUNG ADULTS



We have not forgotten about you! Although we said goodbye to Vicar Karin in May we did not say goodbye to the ministry she started with Young Adults! If you are 21-35 you can expect to receive a mailing in the near future with information about our newly reformed Young Adult Ministry! Pastor Kevin and I have been working diligently to set our vision for this ministry in motion! What you can expect is that we will gather twice a month to have a time of discussion about various topics, Bible passages or books, or questions that you bring to the group! One thing to know is that we want this ministry to be owned by those who participate, so if you have any ideas, suggestions, questions, etc., do not hesitate to talk to Leanne or Pastor Kevin. And don't forget to check your mail as something will be in the large pile of craziness for you soon!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

## CONTACT INFORMATION

As many of you know I have been juggling two cell phones for the past year and I have not always been the best at responding if you texted or called my work cell! Well that problem is now resolved because I am down to one much more manageable phone! You can reach me by phone or text at **610.733.6354!** Parents and Students please save this number and if you currently have 443.821.4854 programmed in your phone or written down somewhere delete it/trash it/disregard it as that number is no longer in service!



## Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

*Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development*

The traditional music article for this month begins with a heart-felt 'Thank You' to everyone who provided special music this summer. Included are Elaine Conover, Elizabeth Meuse-Cummiskey, Deborah Brennan, James Lightner, Carrie Oddis, and Dustin Oddis. Also, thanks go out to Maggie Langdon who played the organ at worship during my weeks abroad!

My European trip this summer, Organ Tour Italia 2013 was a tremendous success! Paul J. Carroll and I led 2 students on a sightseeing/performance tour of historic and modern Italian pipe organs from the north, at Lake Como, to Rome. Highlights from the trip include performing in masterclasses for distinguished organist Maestro Ennio Cominetti; giving joint recitals at San Gregorio Magno (Consiglio di Rumo), Santa Maria sopra Minerva (Assisi), and Santa Maria della Consolazione (Todi); playing for mass at St. Peter's Basilica (Vatican City); and my solo debut recital at St. Paul Outside the Walls (Rome). All went very well, but I am very glad to be home and back to work!

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!

Rehearsals are beginning soon!

- Monday, September 9 at 7pm – Agape Handbell Choir begins rehearsals in the Music Room.
- Wednesday, September 11 at 5:45pm – Luther Choir begins rehearsals in the Music Room.
- Thursday, September 12 at 7pm – Chancel Choir begins rehearsals in the Music Room.



Choir Practice Resumes



Upcoming Musical Events:

- Wednesday, December 4 at 10am – Fifth Annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital in the Sanctuary.
- 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.



## **13<sup>th</sup> Lutheran Churchwide Assembly** **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

by Kevin E. Dayhoff, [kevindayhoff@gmail.com](mailto:kevindayhoff@gmail.com)

While many were wrapping-up their summer vacations or preparing for family members to return to school; the 13<sup>th</sup> Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, (ELCA,) was held Aug. 12-17, 2013, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh.

The ELCA's 65 synods and 9,638 church congregations from across the nation were represented at the assembly by 952 voting members who gathered to make decisions and set church policy for the 4 million members of the church. Those decisions included the election of a new presiding bishop and secretary, the deliberation and adoption of various budgets, financial campaigns, social statements and approximately 80 "memorials" or requests from synods asking for churchwide action on significant issues.

The business of the assembly and the many decisions that faced voting members was made amidst daily worship, prayer and Bible studies under the theme "Always Being Made New," based on 2 Corinthians 5:17. The assembly also celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the ELCA, which was formally established on January 1, 1988, when the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches merged. The ELCA is currently the 7<sup>th</sup> largest religious body in the nation.

The churchwide assembly is designated as the "highest legislative authority" of the church. For the past 25 years, the assembly has met every two years. This year's assembly, which was hosted by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, was the last biennial gathering. From now on the assembly will meet on a triennial cycle. The next assembly meeting is scheduled for August 2016 in New Orleans.

This was also the year when voting members said farewell to the 7-pound binders full of papers used in the past to conduct the business of the assembly. Many referred to this year's assembly as 'paperless in Pittsburgh.' The 3-ring binders were replaced with a mobile app, the "CWA 3013 Guidebook," on an iPad or Android tablet.

Grace Lutheran Church was represented among the approximately 3,000 attendees who included support staff, volunteers and voting delegates at the assembly. Beth Clementson, Caroline and Evelyn Babylon and Kevin Dayhoff all served as volunteers throughout the week. Some of the many tasks they assisted with during the week included sewing and ironing albs, registering guests and delegates, technical support for the electronic voting machines, the 'eGuidebooks,' and tablets, and staffing the speaker microphones located throughout the floor of the assembly.

Early in the week, the assembly gave a warm welcome and sustained standing ovation to the remarks of Catholic Bishop Denis Madden of Baltimore, who made mention of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's Protestant Reformation that began in 1517.

On Wednesday, August 14, the assembly elected a new presiding bishop, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod, by a vote of 600-287, on the fifth ballot; after the initial ballot on Tuesday, in which 122 were nominated. Bishop Eaton, 58, a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and the College of Wooster, was one of four candidates for bishop who had the opportunity to address the assembly after the third ballot Wednesday morning. It was noted and appreciated by many that she was the only candidate who reached out intentionally to the more conservative members of the church. Her remarks also recognized that being an inclusive church meant maintaining our distinctive Lutheran theological principles while respecting those with a different understanding of scripture and doctrine - and that those people also have a voice in this church. We need to make room for those who do not agree with us.

In addition to Bp. Eaton, among the top three vote getters on the ballot after the third ballot was the presiding bishop since 2001, Bishop Mark Hanson, 66, from the Saint Paul Area Synod. Bp. Hanson was the third presiding bishop of the ELCA. He had served for 12-years and before the assembly convened he had been considered the favorite, widely expected to be asked to stay in office for a third term.

David Swartling, who was elected secretary in 2007, decided before the assembly to step down after one term and return home to the Pacific Northwest. At the assembly, voting members elected the Rev. Chris Boerger as ELCA secretary. Bp. Boerger recently completed two terms as bishop of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod.

In addition, the assembly approved a number of synodical memorials on subjects that included community violence, Israel and Palestine, Holy Communion, immigration reform, pastoral ministry among same-gender couples and their families, the Uniting American Families Act, gender identity discrimination, immigration detention, hydraulic fracturing, fossil fuels and more. The assembly also approved resolutions on issues ranging from the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation to a social policy resolution concerning the guarantee of voting rights to all citizens.

After much discussion, the assembly adopted "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries," a social statement on criminal justice. The statement affirms the fundamental principles of the U.S. criminal justice system, such as due process of law and the presumption of innocence. However, the statement also recognizes serious deficiencies in our current justice system, including persistent inequalities based on race and class and overly harsh sentencing inherent to an increased use of mandatory sentencing guidelines. The social statement on criminal justice calls upon ELCA members to hear the cries of those affected, recommit to visiting the prisoner, correct the flawed criminal justice system and participate in God's work with hands and hearts.

The assembly also approved the ELCA's first major fundraising campaign; a five-year campaign, to begin in 2014. The campaign is designed to increase this church's capacity to renew and start new congregations, educate and develop its leaders, bolster its global mission efforts and expand the impact of its relief and development work. Voting members approved two additions to the campaign – encouraging and forming lay youth and young adult leaders and support for disability ministry. The total campaign goal is \$198 million.

Details about the various actions taken by the assembly can be found at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).

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### WELCA

by Helen Englar



The Women of the ELCA of Grace will meet on Monday, September 16. The program will be the beginning of a series on "Women of the Bible." Please join us at 1:30 pm in the Library. All women are invited.

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### Carroll Hospital Center – Service of Remembrance

Carroll Hospital Center invites family members and friends of loved ones who have passed away at the hospital to a Service of Remembrance on Friday, September 20, 2013, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm at Carroll Hospital Center, 200 Memorial Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. Light refreshments will be served after the service. Contact the Spiritual Care Department at Carroll Hospital, 410-871-6679, to RSVP or for further information.



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### September Pot Luck and Song



September Pot Luck and Song will be held on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring something to share, or just come on out, to enjoy an evening of food and music with sisters and brothers in Christ!

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### Westminster Fall Fest

Westminster Fall Fest will take place **Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29**. As in years past, Grace will have a booth to help the community learn more about the ministries of our congregation. The Evangelism Committee coordinates this annual event. We normally have a small craft for children and prepare materials that can be given to people. Those who volunteer at the booth visit with friends, neighbors, and the many people who visit the various booths. It is a fun way to spend a few hours while helping our congregation reach out to the wider community. If you can help, please contact Sheila Law at [sheilablau@comcast.net](mailto:sheilablau@comcast.net).

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry also is looking for volunteers to help at Fall Fest. Good News Ministry will be staffing the ticket booths for the amusement rides, managing a "dime pitch" and assisting in setting up and breaking down the event. They need 40 volunteers and currently only have 14! If you can help, please contact Ann Logsdon at the Chaplaincy Support Team, 410-374-6150 or [ealogsdon@comcast.net](mailto:ealogsdon@comcast.net).

We hope to see you at Fall Fest!!!!

## Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

We are excited to start the 17<sup>th</sup> year of Little Friends of Grace on September 3, 2013. We currently have 99 students enrolled for the fall. The staff returned on August 19, busily preparing their rooms for the orientations on August 28 and 29.

### Registration

We are still accepting registrations for the upcoming school year in some of our classes. If you know of someone who is looking for a quality preschool program please give them our number (410-848-7020). We appreciate the support and blessings of the Grace Lutheran congregation; we are honored to be a ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.



### Dining Out/Bosco's Friends Helping Friends

Once again we will be doing dining out fundraisers throughout the year. Last year we raised over \$550.00. We also will be selling tickets for Bosco's Friends Helping Friends event which will take place on October 22. Look for more information to come in the Weekly Announcements.

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## Financial Report for July, 2013

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

	<u>July, 2013</u>	<u>January-July, 2013</u>	
<b>Income</b>			
General Giving Income	\$ 44,890.55	\$366,718.02	
Debt Reduction Income	11,293.00	79,996.00	
Other Income	<u>17,377.47</u>	<u>130,239.26</u>	
Total Income	\$ 73,561.02	\$576,953.28	
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General Expenses	\$ 82,898.87	\$591,360.95	*1
Improvements/Cap. Exp.	---	3,971.50	*2
Debt Reduction	<u>15,775.12</u>	<u>110,425.84</u>	*3
Total Expenses	\$ 98,673.99	\$705,758.29	
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<u>\$(25,112.97)</u>	<u>\$(128,805.01)</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 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 August 2013 is \$1,799,487.86.

As you can see, we have a deficit for the year thru 7/31/2013 of \$128,805.01. We still have to get through the remainder of the summer, when our giving tends to drop off. We need to make sure we continue our giving for the remainder of the year.

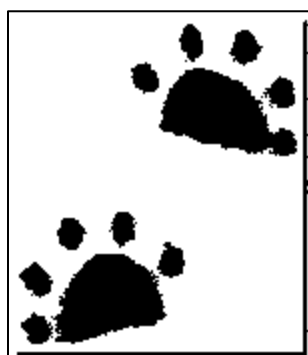
**Give and it will be given to you.**

In His service,  
F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer





**Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin**



## Timmy's Corner

Do you have a passion for something? Do you have several passions? Are they for things you can control? My life is simple compared to yours. When it comes to things I cannot control, you might say terrapins are dumb animals, and you'd be right. I know when seasons are about change before being told so I can find shelter. Humans have the capability to control so many options in their lives; it makes me glad sometimes that I don't know as much as you. I know to take advantage of things as they are offered, such as companionship, food, shelters, and sunshine. This may be what you call terrapin common sense or predetermined habits or instinct. You could say I have one passion, to survive just out of some natural process. I don't know much about health benefits, pensions or even saving for a rainy day. I do know that the biggest threat to my life is you. You see humans, in the name of progress, whether on purpose or by accident move forward with the processes often without regard of any impacts they may have; I'll give you an example.

The displacing of families and individuals in any community around the world, it doesn't matter who or what lives there now. Is there enough water to support the expected new growth for where the displaced are going? What has to be moved or be destroyed to make it happen? Who loses if this doesn't work? (I'd like to bite the big toe of the person that thinks these things up.)

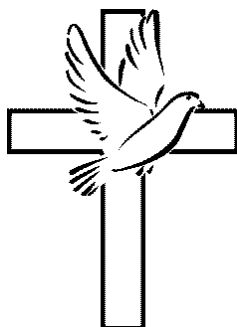
Many countries around the world, not just the United States, have concerns and think tanks about how to solve some of these existing problems. While some think, others take action, until the brainy ones work it out, so many toes, so little time. Organizations like CARE, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, Doctors Without Borders and, many more help where they can with what they have.

What can you do? It is very simple if you care. Set a few dollars aside and send it off to one of the many organizations that can make a difference or just put those dollars in the monthly envelope provided you by your church. Yes, that's right, the green and orange in the package, around the second offering of the month. We, the ELCA, don't leave until the job is done.

Please consider giving monthly, thank you.

*Timmy*

## Personal Notes



### Baptized into the Body of Christ:

7/28/13 – Liliana Isabel Gosaguio, daughter of Luis and Cheryl Gosaguio

8/17/13 – Landon Joseph Seabolt, son of William and Kirsten Seabolt

### In Memoriam:

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

Family of Caroline E. B. Byers (mother of Bonnie Waldrop) – July 26, 2013

Family of Leslie W. 'Les' Null (husband of Debbie Null) – July 26, 2013

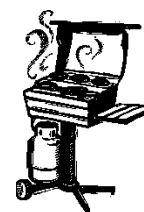
Family of Robert E. Miller (father of Allison Stiles) – August 2, 2013

Family of Lucille A. Frebertshauser – August 12, 2013

You won't want to miss.....



**Grace Lutheran Tail Gate Party!!!**  
**Saturday, September 21**  
**6:15 pm**  
**Carroll Street Parking Lot**



Wear your favorite team jersey or cap or your team colors!!!! Come on out to have a celebration of all our teams and enjoy friendly rivalries. Bring a dish to share and a chair to sit on.....it's a tail gate party.....

Fellowship Committee will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. We also will provide plates and place settings. This is a non-alcoholic event.

Prizes will be given to the youngest fan, the oldest fan, the most outrageously dressed fan, the fan of the most obscure team and the fan most to be pitied. Everyone gets a vote!!!! Don't miss the fun.

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**Women's Weekend Away**  
**October 4-6, 2013**  
**Son and Sand Retreat Center**  
**at St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
**Ocean City, MD**

All women are invited to participate in a weekend in Ocean City. What a great way to relax while building friendships with other Christian women. Do you need some time away? This is a great opportunity.

The cost is \$55 if you are willing to climb up to the upper bunk; \$75 if you prefer the lower bunk. The cost includes continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday. You also will need to purchase two lunches and one dinner.

We will car pool from the Carroll Street Lot at 6:00 on Friday evening and return on Sunday afternoon. While we are in Ocean City, there will be time for devotions and Bible Study, meals with the whole group and time to venture out as you choose. Weather permitting, Saturday evening devotions will be on the beach.

Space is limited, so register as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Spaces and on the church website. A check made out to Grace Lutheran Church must accompany your registration form.



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**Blessing of Our Pets**  
**Saturday, September 28**  
**6:15p.m.**  
**Carroll Street Parking Lot**



Following the Saturday evening worship service on September 28, Pastor Susan Roy will be available to bless pets in the Carroll Street Parking Lot. Pastor Roy is the Director of Pastoral Care at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She has been doing a study of pet blessings and has been offering this brief service to congregations in our synod. Pastor Roy is happy to bless animals large and small. Come on out with your pet...you will both be blessed!

## Scholarship Thank You Letters

Dear Pastor Martha and Committee:

Thank you so very much for taking the time to consider my application for the Grace Lutheran Scholarship, and for deciding to so graciously grant me an award.

I am honored and humbled by your generosity. With the soaring prices of higher education, the Grace Lutheran Scholarship allows me to pursue my studies with fewer financial concerns.

In addition to the gratitude I have for the scholarship, I'd also like to thank you for making the community at Grace nurturing, supportive, and positive!

Sincerely,  
Maddie Lichtfuss

Dear Pastor Martha,

I just wanted to thank you for your generous scholarship offer. I feel very privileged that you chose me as one of the recipients and I am extremely grateful for your help in my educational process. As everyone knows, college is extremely expensive and I am very lucky to have loving parents, family, friends, and church members to help me along the way so that I may live my dream and work toward my goals. I will continue to pray and thank God every day for all the blessings he has bestowed on me. Thank you again for this wonderful gift, God bless.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Meyers

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me the scholarship. It means a lot that my church family is supporting my goals and helping me pay for school. This money will help take some stress off of me and help me breathe a little bit lighter knowing I am not doing it on my own. I know God has led me down this path, and will be guiding me on my journey to get my Respiratory Therapy degree. Thank you again so much for listening to my story and my dreams for the future. I know I will never be alone. Your help means so much to me. Thank you so much for the scholarship.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Kempf

Dear Pastor Martha and Scholarship Committee,

I would like to start off by thanking you for all the hard work you have done at Grace Lutheran Church, which has been a big part of my life since I first began attending here. You have greatly impacted my life being a mentor and friend to me. Without the help from this wonderful community we have at Grace, I don't believe that I would be where I am today. From the first days at youth group, to Confirmation and then Legacy, Grace has kept my head up high and led me down a spiritual path, with God helping me each step of the way. I really appreciate your generosity in these times of recession. Thank you for the scholarship which I will use toward my education at Carroll Community College.

Thanks again,  
Daniel Kempf



Dear Pastor Martha,

I wanted to thank you and the scholarship committee for granting me the scholarship. This will help me out tremendously.

Thank you again.  
Megan Shultz

## September Calendar of Events

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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)



### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2013

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)



### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)  
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
7:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)  
7:00 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (108)  
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2013

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2013 – ALL GRACE – RALLY DAY

10:00 am All Grace Service – Rally Day (GH)  
2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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)  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)  
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (108)  
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (109/110)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)  
10:15 am Confirmation Orientation (108)  
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)  
2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)  
7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

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)

(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

## September Calendar of Events (continued)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
 6:00 pm Tail Gate Party (Carroll Street Parking Lot)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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)  
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)  
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)  
 7:00 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)



### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

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, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
 6:15 pm Blessing of Our Pets (Carroll Street Parking Lot)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

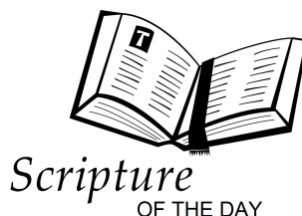
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 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)  
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall  
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## Christ in Our Home Booklets

The next quarter (October, November, and December, 2013) of Christ in Our Home booklets will be available shortly in the Gathering Spaces and literature racks of the church. Please pick up your copy today!



## September Worship Leaders & Assistants

### September 7-8, 2013 – ALL GRACE – RALLY DAY

**5:00 pm** – Laura Heller

**10:00 am** – Karen Ganjon

**Communion Assistants:** Rich Schuster, Ron Fairchild, Haley Hoff, Jamie Krichinsky, Christian Schneider

**Ushers:** Randy Bachtel, Don Ludwig, Bill Comegna, Brian Sherfey

**Acolyte – 5:00 pm** – Taylor Glass Button



### September 14-15, 2013

**5:00 pm** – Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease

**7:45 am** – Caroline Babylon

**9:00 am** – Michele Krichinsky

**Communion Assistants:** Karyn Baust, Taylor Glass Button, Sharon Glass, Don Meyers, Beth Meyers

**Ushers:** Linwood Van Horn, John Yarish, Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes

**11:15 am** – Florence Bastien

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Amelia Dowling

### SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2013

**5:00 pm** – Yvonne Aasen

**7:45 am** – Craig Giles

**9:00 am** – Adam Fairchild

**Communion Assistants:** Haley Hoff, Leanne Elliott, Chad Plendl, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling

**Ushers:** Jamie Krichinsky, Michele Krichinsky, Nancy Taylor, Perry Crowl

**11:15 am** – Christian Schneider

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Erin Sherlock

### SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2013

**5:00 pm** – Bob Lichtfuss, **Reader:** Laura Miller

**7:45 am** – Evelyn Babylon

**9:00 am** – Pete Tabatsko

**Communion Assistants:** Kim Eckenrode, Sue Roach, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Janet Bowersox, Don Ludwig

**Ushers:** Dave Cox, Wyatt Cox, Linwood Van Horn, Brian Sherfey

**11:15 am** – Charlie Beckhardt

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Anna Tschiegg



### SEPTEMBER

**SANCTUARY & GRACE HALL –**

Jim Helm  
Donna Helm



## September Birthdays

### **September 1**

Jacobson, Keith  
Seipp, Darryl  
Smith, Aleah  
Smith, Mellody  
Wiles, Earl

### **September 2**

Bowers, Jerry  
Hirt, Clyde

### **September 3**

Cooper, Bonnie  
Fordi, John  
Gosaguio, Fernando  
Warehime, Robert

### **September 4**

Brown, Karen  
Buscemi, Brooke  
Flook, Tiffany  
Handley, James  
Moore, Braden

### **September 5**

Bowman, Stacy  
Janke, Rory  
Janke, Reagan  
Jenkins, Bruce  
Kemph, Andrea  
Michael, Donald  
Scott, Lori  
Sherlock, Heidi  
Tyler, Pat

### **September 6**

Charnley, Rachel  
McLeod Rehak, Kathy  
Plendl, Caitlin  
Plendl, Chad  
Zayed, Daniel

### **September 7**

Alisauckas, Paula  
McCormick, Andrew  
Rainey, Edward  
Roach, Susan  
Steers, Kathleen

### **September 8**

Brynes, Lori  
Holmes, John  
Plendl, Brie  
Ways, Jim

### **September 9**

Connelly, Michael  
DeGreif, Ryan  
Mersinger, Lauren

### **September 10**

Baker, Craig  
Giles, Lois  
Merryman, Wanda

### **September 11**

Czarnowsky, Lora  
Dayhoff, Kevin  
Goetz, Daniel  
Gretz, Ken  
Harrison, Sandra  
Mason, Mary Ruth  
Michael, Hope  
Shimoda, Matthew

### **September 12**

Boone, James  
Clements, Daniel  
Fletcher, Benjamin  
Harris, Kaylee  
Krichinsky, Michele

### **September 13**

Dietz, Leni  
Erikson, Bill  
Futrell, Dennis  
Keefer, Jeff  
Morrow, David  
Seipp, Eric  
Sherfey, Kara

### **September 15**

Czarnowsky, Nathaniel  
Hyle, Desirae

### **September 16**

Jones, Madelyn  
McCulloch, Carol  
Paulsen, Kim  
Peltier, Honesty  
Yarish, John

### **September 17**

Scott, Claire

### **September 18**

Beckhardt, Cyndy

### **September 19**

Johnson, Zachary  
Schaffer, Christopher

### **September 20**

Bockmiller, Bill  
Glass, John  
Williams, Sydney  
Zepp, Junior

### **September 21**

Eckenrode, Matt  
King, Stephanie  
Mays, Aubrey  
Sackin, Rachel  
Smith, Mitchell  
Trotta, Katherine

### **September 22**

Gregory, Christopher  
Ryan, Jenny  
Scott, Eric  
Scott, Thomas

### **September 23**

Borleis, Ryan  
Capece, Cara  
Comegna, Nancy  
Deardorff, Ted  
Kniedler, Sean  
Linebaugh, Patti  
Shackelford, Michele  
Weaver, CeeCee

### **September 24**

McCloskey, Mitchell

### **September 25**

Degitz, Abbey  
Schneider, Christian  
Schuchardt, James

### **September 26**

Rosendahl, Stephanie

### **September 27**

Barnes, Heather  
Carbaugh, Jeffrey  
Day, Brandy  
Eckles, Alexus  
Miller, Steve  
Roach, Ryan  
Strevig, Brielle

### **September 28**

Clatterbuck, Nikki  
Moore, John  
Plendl, Barb

### **September 29**

Bittner, Amy  
Huver, Randolph  
Peltier, Imagine  
Wright, William

### **September 30**

Anderson, Aubrey  
Leister, Renee  
Trotta, Luke  
Yingling, Jake



***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](mailto: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, Mary Ruth Mason, Donald and Nancy Michael, Evelyn Nevius, Ilona Ries, Ellen Terry, Dorothy Utz

**Continuing Prayers:** Theresa, Caroline + Cody, Harry Alles, Gladys Bauerline, Marion Bauman, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Gordon Caples, John Daniel, Renee Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Dorothy Drechsler, Doris Endes, Patricia Fernee, James Forsberg, Doug Geouge, Ken Gist, Barbara Gordon, Becky Gottschalk, Dick Haines, Nancy Hiatt, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Mandy Kent, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy & Walter Long, The Lowman Family, Mary Lowman, Maude Morris, Dail Pease, Chris St. Germain, Kolu Sherman Family, Kolu Smith, Jon Strebe, Dave Stem, J.Q. Subah, Pewu Subah, 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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