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Deadline for *February*

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

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Will You Make a Difference?

The other day I received an email from my cousin Meredith who was trying to put together some information about the history of our great uncle Ole Mithaugen. Sadly the two of us had little that we could piece together about our grandmother's bachelor brother, who was born, raised and died on a 160 acre piece of land in Knute township, Polk County, Minnesota. We think that his parents homesteaded this land in the early 1860's and raised two children, my grandmother and Ole. The few people who remember him don't know much because he kept to himself, living out his life in the modest little home in which he was born. Only a small portion of the land was ever farmed, mostly it remained woodland. On August 9, 1944 Ole died and eventually my father would come to own the land and by 1970 the modest farmstead and the most of the woods would be gone, converted into rich farmland. Meredith and I compared notes and all that remains of Ole's legacy is a grainy picture of an elderly man standing to one side in a family photo with his nieces and nephews of two generations, a wooden chest that my cousin Meredith rescued and a \$5 gold piece that my father saved and gave to me as a memento. Few stories remain of this enigmatic man who seemingly lived onto himself.

My great Uncle Ole remains for me a witness to what can happen when people close themselves off to others. Down the road from Ole was another poor farmer, Sam Sheggerud, a man who was equally quiet and retiring yet took time to help his neighbor care for his church and gave of himself and the few resources available to himself. Stories abound concerning Sam; and the legacy of his life is wrapped up in the stories of the people of the church in which I grew up. Sam's legacy is lived out in my own life as a model to me of humble, faithful living. He was never much of a talker but I will never lose sight of his smiling eyes, ruddy complexion and earnest love for his family, his church and his love of God. Sam's legacy is found too in the support he gave to his wife who was the longtime Sunday School Superintendent who each week taught me the Bible Stories about the lives of Adam and Eve, Peter and Paul and of course Jesus.

The grainy photo of my Uncle Ole and his \$5 gold piece are locked away. The photo fades and eventually the gold piece will be separated from the dwindling memory of Ole. But each day that I live and tell to others the story of Jesus and his love I become one more contributor to the legacy of Sam Sheggerud, a child of God, who loved The Lord and in his own quiet ways made real the love of God.

A new year is always a time to think about what our own lives are about. Do we make a difference? Does your life make a difference? Sometimes it is easy to think that we do not matter. But that is only true if we lock ourselves away and dismiss the truth; that in the eyes of God we indeed do matter. I remember once when I was wondering about the worth of my life, another child of God asked me, "If your life doesn't matter, then why did Jesus go to all the trouble of dying for you?" Since our baptism, whether as infants or adults, God has declared that our lives are important. In the waters of baptism we were raised up as daughters and sons of God. As heirs of the Kingdom of God we all have a part to play in making real this kingdom for all the world. Simply put, we matter to God and he has proved our worth through Jesus.

I think back to my great Uncle Ole and that picture of him standing off to one side, near but never really a part of the family. I wonder if his lack of contribution to the world is less about him and more about the inability of the family of God to embrace him and help him see that he too was one for whom Jesus died.

Our world is filled with a sense of loss and regret. Jesus came to end the reign of such sorrow that numbs us into self-centeredness and useless living. I wonder how things might have been different if Ole had been found in the middle of the picture surrounded by two generations of his nieces and nephews. What might we have learned from this quiet man and how might he have gifted us?

Ole died before I was born, but the legacy of his life is lived out in the parable of this picture. The fullness of life is found when we are together as the family of God celebrating each other's gifts, sharing the joys and the sorrows of life for the greatest legacy we share is the mutual love we find in Christ. Important too is that when we look out into the world around us to always remember to make room for the Ole's of the world who need to know that they have a place in God's family.

Peace, Pastor Kevin



The Year of Matthew

The new church year began with the First Sunday of Advent on December 1, 2013. From that Sunday through Christ the King Sunday on November 23, 2014, most of our Gospel Readings during worship will come from the Gospel of Matthew. In order to better understand the various readings as we move through the year, it is helpful to have an overall understanding of the entire book.

The Gospel of Matthew was most likely written between 80 and 90 A.D. (It was definitely after the Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D.) The writer seems to have had the Gospel of Mark in hand as well as a common source that scholars call "Q."

The name Matthew means "Disciple." Indeed the word disciple is used 72 times in this book of the Bible! Some have called Matthew "the Teacher's Gospel." Clearly, the author valued learning what it means to be a follower of Jesus and teaching discipleship to others. From Matthew's perspective, understanding Jesus begins with knowing the Law of God and the ways in which Jesus reinterpreted those laws. As the Son of God, Jesus is not starting something new, but he is fulfilling and reinterpreting what God already started in the Law and Prophets. Thus, a disciple is one who understands who Jesus is in order to embody faithful and faith-filled hearing and doing of Jesus' words.

Many readers of Matthew have noted what seems to be an anti-Jewish bias in this writing. It is important to put that into context. Matthew was writing at a time of great tension between those who had left the synagogue to follow Jesus and those who were still holding fast to the synagogue and all that it entailed. On top of the tension between believers in the God of Israel, came the question of how God's people were to live in the dominant culture of Rome. Even more so than in Mark, Matthew allows for a sharp contrast between those religious leaders who just didn't get it and those who understood that Jesus is both the continuation and the reinterpretation of the Law and the Prophets!

Themes to watch for as we read through Matthew this year:

Discipleship – Following Jesus is a life-long process of growing into the Great Commission (see Matthew 28:19-20). New Testament Professor Mark Allan Powell writes, “Matthew portrays the disciples of Jesus as fallible followers who, in spite of their failings, are destined to become apostles of the church...” **How are you growing in your discipleship?**

Son of God – In Jesus the Messiah, God abides with his people forever. Thus the age of salvation has begun. **How is your perspective on life shaped by Jesus’ presence?**

Righteousness – This is God’s agenda for our actions and relationships. What is in one’s heart determines how he/she will act. Our identity, vocation, and family relationships are all radically transformed by Jesus. **Are you more concerned with being “right” or carrying out Jesus’ agenda?**

Scripture – It is possible to know the scripture without understanding it. Most important is knowing how to interpret scripture through the eyes of Jesus. (New Testament Professor Rick Carlson calls that the “Jesus filter.”) **What steps are you taking to enrich your understanding of Scripture?**

There’s so much more to learn from the Gospel of Matthew. We have a year in which to explore the richness of these pages. (Of course, as always, readings from John’s Gospel will be sprinkled in.) I encourage you to take the time to read/re-read the entire book of Matthew in preparation for what is to come! If you’d like more helpful information about Matthew, check out www.enterthebible.org.

Pastor Martha



Heifer International

As of December 16, 2013,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$2,745.01.



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

Snow Removal at Grace

We need your help! When the snow falls outside all of the walks, stairs and ramps need to be cleared. If you are able to help please fill out the RCR card at worship indicating time of day you would be available to help. Please remember to give us a phone number where you can be reached. Since Ron Wentz, (The Human Snow Thrower), broke his leg we have discovered the need for volunteers to help keep our sidewalks and entrances clear. Your help is greatly needed.



2014 Grace Council

We give thanks for the people who have stepped forward to lead our congregation as council members this year. Council members will be Installed at the 9:00 and 11:15 Worship Services on Sunday, January 4. They are: Ron Fairchild, president; Don Meyers, Jr., vice-president; Donna Kent, secretary; and Don Ludwig, treasurer. The newest members elected to council for three year terms are: Patt Patterson Jones, Carrie Oddis, Richard Chaney, Jan Mickey, and Don Meyers, Jr.

First Communion

On Saturday and Sunday December 7 & 8, twelve young people of our congregation received their First Communion. They are:

Brooke Buscemi
Remmy Pigeon
Michael Vadder
Duncan Ways

Sierra DeGreif
Acton Spreitzer
O'Ryan Weaver
Chandler Ways

Raiden Pigeon
Henry Vadder
Payton Weaver
Magneva Zavandro



Congratulations! Welcome to the Lord's Table.

2014 Flowers



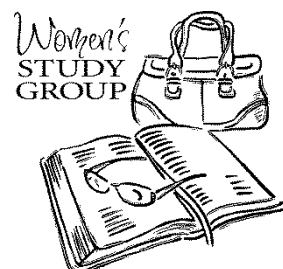
Worshippers are invited to provide flowers for our worship spaces each weekend. The basic cost is \$40 per weekend. Those who provide flowers in Grace Hall sometimes choose to add an additional amount of money so that the basket will be larger and more visible. Flowers can be given to honor or remember a loved one. Please sign the flower chart if you'd like to help the church in this way. The chart for Grace Hall is on the bulletin board in the Upper Gathering Space and the chart for the Sanctuary is on the bulletin board in the Cloister. Many Sundays of the year fill up quickly, so please sign up soon if you want a particular date.

Connect is Back!

by Carol Arbaugh and Sheilah Keefer

Connect is returning on Friday mornings beginning in January!!! The focus will be on **"Balanced Living,"** a Focus on the Family Women's Series. If we try to do it all, we end up stressed out, fatigued and disconnected from God. But, when you recognize God's design for your life, you can use your time, talents and energy to live the life He wants for you.

Join us for a **Meet & Greet on Friday, January 10, 2014 at 9:15am in room 112.** First study session is January 17, 2014 from 9:15 to 11:30. Cost for class is \$10.00 (Study books and Bibles will be provided). Please contact Carol Arbaugh at 410-848-4776 or Sheilah Keefer at 410-848-7020 to begin balanced living.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

Books & Brew



Books and Brew is a young adult Bible Study group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 7-8:30pm. We welcome those who wish to have a time of fellowship beforehand to come at 6pm. Our January meetings will be held on **January 8** and **January 22** at Johansson's in Westminster. We ask that you bring cash to cover the cost of your meal and plan on 25% to cover tax and tip! This is a great opportunity to meet other young adults from

Grace and the area, fellowship, discuss, and enjoy a great meal and a drink together so we hope you will join us!

YOUTH GROUP

This is a new Wednesday evening ministry for 6-12th grade students starting in January! We will meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday** of each month [except during lent & summer] **from 7-8:30pm!** We will have a time of fellowship and games and then we will dive into our study for the night! We will start together as a large group and then break off into small groups! This is an exciting time at Grace and we are excited to see how this grows!



K.N.O: JANUARY POOL PARTY!



Who doesn't want to go swimming in January?!?! Kids Night Out [ministry for kids Pre-K-5th grade and families] will be hosting a Pool Party at Kids First Swim on **January 11 from 1:30-3:30 for just \$5 per kid!** Kids 4 and younger must have an adult in the pool with them and kids who know how to swim can take the swim test to be allowed into the deep end of the pool! Kids First Swim is located at 2970 Dede Rd, Finksburg, MD 21048 just off of Route 140. **Please sign up on the RCR card at worship by January 5!** Questions? See Christy Vadder or email her at vadder@verizon.net.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting

We will be having a Teacher's Meeting for **ALL** Sunday School teachers on **Saturday January 18 at 9:30am in Room 108**. We will be done by 11am. This is a time for us to check in with teachers, welcome and transition those who will start teaching in the spring, review anything needed from the Christian Ed Committee and support each other.



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development



Happy New Year to all of you from all the directors and choir members of Grace Lutheran Church Music Ministry!

The 5th annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital, *The Birthday of a King*, was held on Wednesday, December 4 at 10am in the Sanctuary. Again, everyone enjoyed the projection screen which displayed Ted's hands. Thanks go out to Jan Mickey and Erik Piisila for arranging this every year! Thanks also go out to this year's friends Dr. James Ryon, trombone; George Simpson, bass; and Arthur Pease, tenor. And thank you to all who attended!

This year's Christmas Celebration in Drama and Song, *A Night in Shining Darkness*, by Lynda Pujadó, was performed on Sunday, December 15 at 3pm, in the Sanctuary. It featured the Akaloo kids in drama, poetry, and song; Luther and Festival Choirs; soloists; and instrumentalists. A huge thank you goes out to all who participated in the performance, especially director Karen Ganjon, and all who attended. It is a lot of fun for folks of all ages to come together during the holidays and present such a special program!

We look forward to another year of splendid music making at Grace Lutheran Church!

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Monday, January 27 at 7pm - Organist Ted Dix will be performing a program of music for organ and trombone as part of the Monday Night Music series at McDaniel College. He will be joined by fellow McDaniel College faculty member Dr. James Ryon, trombonist, as well as a choir of additional guest trombonists. The concert will be held in (Big) Baker Memorial Chapel and admission is free.
- Sunday, February 9 at 3pm – The Luther and Chancel Choirs will be performing as part of the annual Ecumenical Christian Unity Service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, April 27 at 10am – Luther and Festival Choirs, with soloists, instrumentalists, and narrators, will be performing our annual Easter cantata at the All Grace Worship Service in Grace Hall.



WELCA

by Helen Englar

The WELCA of Grace will meet on **Monday, January 20, 2014 at 1:30 pm** to assemble AIDS/Hospice Kits. The HIV/AIDS Epidemic has added enormous challenges to health care worldwide. Missionaries, their health care worker colleagues and patients' families in third world countries must provide daily care to AIDS patients who suffer from the symptoms of this devastating, end-stage disease. There is pain, nausea, diarrhea, skin eruptions, to name a few. It is not a disease we can ignore and it is not going away.

But what can we do to help? Monetary donations or kit item donations from the congregation are appreciated. An AIDS/Hospice Kit can provide cleanliness and comfort. Our prayers and generosity can reach far into the lives of those who have been affected. WELCA is collecting items in boxes in the Gathering Spaces. Each kit contains:

New items:

- 1 bath-size bar of hand soap (wrapped)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste, medium or large (or two small sample sizes)
- 1 "Pick" comb
- 1 Nail clipper
- 6 Band-aids
- 1 jar or tube of petroleum jelly
- Used devotional book (any time frame, any type – Christ in Our Home, Our Daily Bread, etc.)



Kits will be sent to Global Health Ministries (GHM) which is an organization that provides financial and material support to Lutheran health care mission programs in developing countries. GHM supporters believe there are significant untapped health care resources in the United States that are desperately needed by Lutheran medical missionaries and the people they serve overseas.

Personal Notes

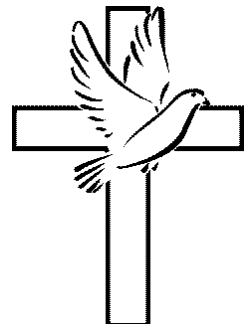
Baptized into the Body of Christ:

- 10/27/13 – Sierra Lynn DeGreif, daughter of Kevin and Andrea DeGreif
- 10/27/13 – Jacob Alan DeGreif, son of Kevin and Andrea DeGreif
- 11/17/13 – Jacob Spencer Huffman, son of Norman and Lara Huffman
- 12/15/13 – Anna Katherine Bicking, daughter of Ryan and Lisa Bicking

In Memoriam:

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

- Family of Howard F. Buhrman (father of Charlie Buhrman) – September 21, 2013
- Family of Teresa A. Fogle (sister of Dan Fogle) – October 31, 2013
- Family of Howard W. Spears, Sr. (father of Howard Spears) – November 28, 2013
- Family of Helen L. Green – December 13, 2013
- Family of Doris J. Ganjon (mother of Gary Ganjon) – December 15, 2013



Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Christmas Programs

Many thanks to all the families who donated items to our Christmas programs and party celebrations! We hope everyone enjoyed the singing by the children (and our teachers) along with the fellowship among the other families in the classrooms.

Community Service Projects

During the month of November we collected nonperishable foods to donate to Carroll Food Sunday. Our wonderful children donated over 320 pounds of Italian foods, cereals, canned fruits and vegetables. In December we had a mitten tree which was decorated with many beautiful hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. We are blessed to have such generous and caring families.

Registration for the 2014/2015 School Year

We will begin taking registrations on January 2 for the 2014/2015 school year. Current students and siblings have first priority for registration from January 2–10. **Grace Lutheran congregational members** will be able to register from January 13–17. On January 20 we will open registration to the public. If you are interested in registering, please call Anita at the preschool office, 410-848-7020 for more information or to schedule a visit and observe the classrooms. Registration forms are available in the literature racks or may be downloaded from the website. If you have any questions, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

Two day two-year olds: Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday

Two day three-year olds: Tuesday and Thursday

Three day three-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Three day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Four day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday through Thursday

Five day Pre-K four-year olds: Monday through Friday

Three day 9:00-2:00 Pre-K four-year olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Dates to Remember

January 2 – School reopens

January 2-10 – Registration for returning students and siblings

January 13-17 – Registration for Grace Lutheran members

January 20 – Registration opens to the public

January 20 – No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 21– No School – Teacher Professional Day

Field Trips

The pre-K four-year old classes will be visiting Piney Run Park on January 8 and 10 to learn about animals in winter.

Family Fun Night/Silent Auction

Our annual family fun night is being planned for February 28; we are planning a family game night. If you are interested in donating something to the silent auction, please contact Anita in the preschool office.



Financial Report for November, 2013

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

	<u>November, 2013</u>	<u>Jan-Nov, 2013</u>	<u>Annual Budget 2013</u>
Income			
General Giving Income	\$ 57,944.09	\$584,142.40	\$772,268.00
Debt Reduction Income	14,187.10	134,565.08	180,000.00
Other Income	<u>22,347.41</u>	<u>208,366.73</u>	<u>383,755.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 94,478.60	\$927,074.21	\$1,336,023.00
Expenditures			
General Expenses	\$106,637.89	\$931,690.48	\$1,120,917.00
Improvements/Cap. Exp.	00.00	12,044.62	25,805.00
Debt Reduction	<u>16,170.23</u>	<u>173,921.43</u>	<u>189,301.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$122,808.12	\$1,117,656.53	\$1,336,023.00
Net Income/Loss	\$(28,329.52)	\$(190,582.32)	00.00

Even though we have not met our giving budget for 2013, we have been able to pay all our bills in a timely fashion. Our expenditures are also running below budget. However, our operating fund has not been able to handle the mortgage payments, as our giving has been below our budgeted expenditures. Therefore our investments have been decreasing, as our mortgage payments have been coming out of our investments.

However, there have been many good things happening at Grace. This past year we have been able to sell three rental properties. We have received some additional gifts from members, and also a large gift from the settlement on an estate. We have been able to pay down the mortgage with BB&T, and renegotiate and settle on a more favorable mortgage with New Windsor State Bank. We also introduced our Growth for Ministry Campaign, and we have continued with our Legacy Circle of Grace Program.

The renegotiation of our mortgage is not the end all answer to our problems. In order to fund our budget for 2014, our giving must increase. We need to also build up our investments which have been continually decreasing. We also have some major capital improvement expenditures that we need to meet in 2014. Specifically major renovations to the sanctuary which is part of the Growth for Ministry Campaign, and the boiler replacement and oil tank removal which is part of the 2014 Budget approval.

Stewardship is very important as we carry out our mission here at Grace. Our Growth for Ministry campaign which has been introduced is important to strengthen our overall giving and to fund our overall budget. With the end of 2013 approaching, you may need an additional tax deduction. A special one-time gift to Grace is always welcome.

Deuteronomy 15:10

Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to,

In His service,
F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer



Mark Your Calendar

The Westminster Ministerium invites you to attend a Worship Service in recognition of Christian Unity on Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 in Grace Hall. Please plan to attend this inspirational service as choirs and pastors from various churches in our community come together in praise of our great God!!!



New Year's Resolution...Getting my "House in Order"

If you are like most people, you know that you should make plans for unexpected emergencies, but often that planning keeps getting put aside. Most families appreciate it if their parents have taken care to provide a will and to make arrangements for a funeral, even when we hope it won't happen for years to come!

If you've been thinking about purchasing a niche in the Columbarium at Grace, this would be a great time to act on those plans! A niche for an individual is \$1,000 while a double niche for a couple is \$1,500. Packets of information are available in the church office. Pastor Martha walks through the paperwork with you, so if you have a question or are interested in purchasing a niche, she will be happy to help you.

Thank you for your generosity!!



Grace Lutheran Church is a congregation active in outreach throughout the year. However, the generous spirit that is at work here can especially be seen throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. So many members participated in Operation Christmas Child, filled bags of gifts for our neighbors who come to meals at Grace, bought fair trade products and ELCA good gifts to support people around the world, provided items for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for neighbors and members in need, and filled the shelves of our church pantry for the many meals that will be served in the months to come. For your generous spirit and for putting your faith into action, thank you!!!

January Red Cross Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive in Grace Hall on Monday, January 27 from 2-7:30p.m. The blood drive will be held in Grace Hall. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar to schedule an appointment at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net.





Dear Pastors Martha and Kevin, the staff, the Funeral Luncheon Committee and members of Grace,

At this time of Thanksgiving, I just wanted to take this opportunity to express my thanks for all the cards, support, prayers and kind words expressed to me and my family since Les' passing.

*In God's Love,
Debbie Null and Families*

Troop 393 – 70 year Reunion

The dream of a handful of Scouts and Scout Leaders back in February, 1944, has not only survived to the present time, but has grown into an organization that continues to inspire our youth. It's time to celebrate! On February 15, 2014, Troop 393 will celebrate 70 years of excellence in Scouting at Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster. All present and former Scouts and Scout Leaders are invited to an evening of fun, camaraderie, nostalgia, skits, and ceremonies. Our celebration will include dinner, entertainment, speakers, door prizes, awards, and a Scout Court of Honor. There will be tables setup to display Troop memorabilia, so please bring any items that you have from your time in Scouting – pictures, uniforms, awards, patches, or anything else from your days in the Troop. And especially, bring your stories!



70 YEARS
of
SCOUTING
1944-2014

Saturday, February 15, 2014, starting at 5:00 pm Grace Hall at Grace Lutheran Church on Carroll Street in Westminster

Advanced tickets are required and can be purchased for \$30 Adults, \$15 Youth at www.troop393bsa.com or contact one of the following Scout Leaders: Ted Forman 410-848-6649 or Larry Shafer 410-848-0432.

Get Free Tax Prep and Direct Deposit at Human Services Programs of Carroll County



Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc. (HSP) manages a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site. HSP's VITA site prepares free tax returns for low to moderate income households. Those who made less than \$52,000 in 2013 may qualify for free tax preparation. Even taxpayers that worked just a few weeks could still get a refund! HSP's tax preparers are IRS trained and certified. HSP's VITA site will prepare quality tax returns and every taxpayer keeps all of their refund. HSP partners with PNC Bank to bring you FREE debit cards for your refund money or FREE check cashing.

Appointments start on January 21, 2014, and will run through April 15, 2014. Tax preparation hours are Monday and Tuesday 10am-3pm and Wednesday and Thursday 1pm -7pm. HSP's VITA site will also be open three Saturdays – January 25, February 1 and 15 from 10am-4pm. Call HSP today to schedule your appointment, 410-857-2999.

January Calendar of Events

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2014**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY –
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2014

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
7:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
7:30 pm Trudge the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2014

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2014

11:30 am Women's Tea (Gypsy's Tea Room)
5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Contemporary 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, JANUARY 6, 2014

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
6:00 pm Girl Scouts Pack 307 (FH)
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, JANUARY 7, 2014

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, JANUARY 8, 2014

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johannson's)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014

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 Finance Committee Meeting (112)
7:00 pm Small Group Leader Meeting (108)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
7:30 pm Trudge the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
9:15 am CONNECT Women's Bible Study (112)
5:00 pm Horizon Youth Depart for Youth Quake (HV Marriott)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2014

1:30 pm K.N.O. January Pool Party (Kids First Swim)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
9:00 am Contemporary 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)
5:00 pm Horizon Youth Return from Youth Quake (HV Marriott)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talks (GH)
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 Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
7:00 pm Grace Youth Group (101A/B, 107, 109/110, 111, 112)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johannson's)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
6:30 pm LFOG Board Meeting (107)
7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
7:30 pm Trudge the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
9:15 am CONNECT Women's Bible Study (112)
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

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

January Calendar of Events (continued)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2014

9:30 am Sunday School Teachers Meeting (108)
 10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Contemporary 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, JANUARY 20, 2014

1:30 pm WELCA/Confirmation Servant Event (L, FH, T)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Pack 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014

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 Committee Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014

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 New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Trudge the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:15 am CONNECT Women's Bible Study (112)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Contemporary 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, JANUARY 27, 2014

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, 101A/B)
 5:30 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (LGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2014

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 New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Trudge the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:15 am CONNECT Women's Bible Study (112)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall
 (T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper
 Gathering Space (LGS) Lower Gathering Space
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January Worship Leaders & Assistants

JANUARY 4-5, 2014

5:00 pm – Laura Heller

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Ann Thomas, Laura Heller, Donna Kent, Karyn Baust, Leanne Elliott

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

11:15 am – Greg Hare

Acolyte – 5:00 pm, 11:15 am – Taylor Glass Button

JANUARY 11-12, 2014

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

7:45 am – Craig Giles

9:00 am – Jamie Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Taylor Glass Button, Sharon Glass, Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Haley Hoff

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

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

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

JANUARY 18-19, 2014

5:00 pm – Lisa Turner

7:45 am – Dena Hodges

9:00 am – Paul Whitson

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

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

11:15 am – Florence Tucker

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

JANUARY 25-26, 2014

5:00 pm – Yvonne Aasen, **Reader:** Sharon Glass

7:45 am – Karen Ganjon

9:00 am – Ron Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Sue Roach, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Janet Bowersox, Erin Sherlock

Ushers: Linwood Van Horn, Jamie Krichinsky, Michele Krichinsky, Bill Comegna

11:15 am – Christian Schneider

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg



JANUARY

**SANCTUARY AND
GRACE HALL –**

Evelyn Babylon
Caroline Babylon

January Birthdays

January 1

Bieligk, Logan
Bradfield, Melanie
Gardner, Aiden
Laumann, Matthew
Law, Al
Miller, Jessica
Morelock, Robert
Ways, Jennifer

January 2

Warehime, Isabelle

January 3

Hadden, Brandon
Kaufman, Leslie
Palazzo, Gavin

January 4

Dorsey, Jayna Lin
Geary, Nancy
Harrod, Michelle
Leppo, Robert

January 5

Humbert, Linda
Lippy, Betty

January 6

Fernandez, Aida
Paulsen, Lauren

January 7

Bair, Max
Frazier, Frank
Jenkins, Ethel
Stair, Lauren

January 9

Casper, John
Krempin, Mary
Kurland, Robert
Steinbrenner, Jackson
Wilhelm, Patricia

January 10

Dietz, Andrew
Hyde, Elaine
Piisila, Emily

January 11

Eppler, Thomas
Lawlor, Michael
Leister, Becky

January 12

Plunkert, Carol
Swartzbaugh, Amy

January 13

Rath, Allison
Rath, Kate
Visocky, Lauren
Wiskeman, Larry

January 14

Cockley, Jenna
Fairchild, Matthew
Lockard, Leah

January 15

Burk, Susan
Maloon, Sharon

January 16

Fletcher, Teresa

January 17

Beazley, Adelle
Crew, Charles
Culver, Joshua
Ganjon, Gary
Gordon, Thomas
Hadden, Glen
Helm, Donna
Murphy, JoAnn

January 18

Blount, Carolyn
Brown, Katryn
Dorsey, Alex
Gilbart, Chris
Monka, David
Myers, Naomi

January 19

Hirt, Cynthia
Mens, Don
Pasek, John

January 20

Andalora, Marie
Gardner, Shane
Kilmer, Jonathan
Rivera, Marc
Smith, Cassandra

January 21

Conover, Elaine
Crowl, Perry

January 22

Davis, Taylor
Houck, Joyce
Leister, Jimmy
Lockard, David

January 23

Bish, Carroll
Crew, Nina
Drinnon, Mikayla
McGinnis, Kevin
Steinbrenner, Christina
Streaker, Elissa

January 24

Pringle, Callan

January 26

Frock, Kendrick
Janke, Liam
Shimoda, Jessica
Strevig, Britta

January 27

Kelmartin, Tyler
Ludwig, Buzz
Rosendahl, Cheryl

January 28

Betz, Alfred
Kessler, Chip

January 29

Lauer-Miller, Gail
Pasek, Matthew
Tarbet, Michael
Vadder, Joe

January 30

Carr, Janet
Schaeffer, Deborah

January 31

Helt, Daniel
Meyers, Christopher



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, Arlene "Eenie" Logue, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Donald and Nancy Michael, Evelyn Nevius, Ilona Ries, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Theresa, Caroline, Cody + McKenzie, Charles Adams, Irene Bailey, The Barnes Family, Gladys Bauerline, Marion Bauman, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Gordon Caples, Lou Chappell, Janet Clingan, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Ken Gist, Barbara Gordon, Joyce Hertsch, Gunther Hof, Kevin Hof, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Philip Kirk, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy & Walter Long, Walt McAlexander, Michael Oddis, The O'Mara Family, Dail Pease, The Rotonberry Family, Ethan Sprinkle and his family, Francis Stielper, Sr., Helen Tarbert, Lauren Thomas, Ron Wentz, Jessica Young

Seminarians: Beth Clementson, Laura Heller

Global Ministry Partners: Pastors Eric and Wendolyn Trozzo serving in Malaysia; Annie Bunio, ELCA Missionary 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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