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Deadline for *March*

**Grace Notes is Tuesday,
February 11. Please email
your news to Dawn -
dstem@gracelc.org or stop
by the office during office
hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).**

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

**[HTTP://GRACELC.ORG/NEWS/
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A Huge Thank You!!

I am writing this article a few days after returning from our trip to Israel. We are not yet back to work, using our last few days to get our feet on the ground, put the rest of the Christmas decorations away, and most of all to readjust the time clock! Being wide awake at 3 a.m. is a bummer! It has been very strange to be away from Grace for three weeks. The trip was enjoyable and the change of pace for this amount of time has been renewing. I want to thank the members of the church council (2013 & 2014) for their encouragement and support for Pastor Kevin and me to undertake this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Last year, when I taught the Overview of the Bible course, we talked at length about the impact of the people of Israel as they introduced the concept of Monotheism. That lesson came to mind many times as we visited sites in Israel and Jordan. Most ancient people worshipped many gods. But it was Abraham and his descendants who were introduced to the great "I AM." As the people of Israel got to know this God, they introduced Him to their neighbors and enemies alike. Obviously, not everyone came to faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but many did and this new Monotheism had a great impact on everyone. Generations later, Jesus provided greater insight into who God is and how God desires to live in an active relationship with each of us. Today, there are great struggles throughout the Middle East, many of them due to the fact that while almost all of the people believe in one God, there are three distinct ways of understanding and relating to that God. Certainly, in all of our lives, we continue with the human challenge of keeping God at the center of our lives and not allowing many gods to overtake our time, interest, and commitment.

One of the lasting impressions that will live on for me is the contrast that I experience between visiting ruins of ancient communities and living among the active, dynamic people of God. It was amazing to walk the streets of Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. Standing at Abraham's well, and in the ruins of the cities of Dan and Jericho, and on Mt. Nebo from where Moses looked across the valley to the Promised Land, were all very moving. But now they are just places. While once vibrant places where people lived, worked, and worshipped, now these places are simply attractions for tourists and pilgrims. How much better it is to stand in the midst of God's people who worship, serve, and learn day in and day out. Civilizations come and they go. Great leaders are replaced by the next generation (secular and religious). So it is important to make the most of the time

that we are given here on earth. Now, while it is our watch, we have the opportunity to make a difference as we share the good news that God has come to us in Jesus. Our lives, as fleeting as they may be, can make a huge difference when we touch the lives of others with the peace and compassion of Christ.

I am happy to be home and look forward to continuing our ministry together here at Grace. Thank you for your support and care for your pastors. Let us continue to make a difference by welcoming God's Spirit to work in and through us each and every day.

Pastor Martha Clementson



The Oldest City

An inspiring story and history lesson revolves around the city of Jericho. Most of us know about this city in relationship to the story of the people of God entering the Promised Land and confronting the people of Jericho in a battle where the walls of the city collapsed. Remember the spiritual "Joshua fit de battle of Jericho?" However, it could be argued that this ancient city has collapsed as many as twenty (20) times in 11,000 years and is thus arguably the oldest city in the world. Today a city of nearly 20,000 residents, this ancient city is symbolic of the tenacity of the human spirit. Earthquakes and wars have over and over again leveled the city; yet upon the ruins of the past the city has been rebuilt. When you look at Jericho with a passing glance to rebuilding twenty times it seems as nothing more than an interesting piece of trivia. Yet stand by the uncovered ruins and think upon each of these chapters in the life of the city and you are struck by sorrows of the past and the hope for the future that allowed people to recover and rebuild after each tragic episode. I observed that each successive rebuilding of Jericho often included using the building materials of the past. The stones, columns, pillars and blocks of the past were harvested and used again to construct the next version of the city.

In wandering around the ruins of the ancient city I was reminded that too often in difficult times we can be fooled into thinking that all is lost. Whether we are looking at our personal lives, the life of the Church or the nature of our society, we can be so trapped by endings that we are unable to see the opportunities of new beginnings. Twenty times the city of Jericho has collapsed from one event or another and each time it has been rebuilt. The ruins of the past have served as a fertile resource for the next unfolding version of that city. There is a lesson to be learned for our own lives. When we encounter failure and collapse the perceived ruins before us can serve as building blocks for our future.

When Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome he suggested that nothing can separate us from the love of God and went on to list a host of adversities. This great apostle understood that in Christ every ending is an opportunity for new beginnings. A new year is already unfolding before us and we have an opportunity to build upon the past with a hopeful eye to the future. The successive generations of Grace have bestowed the resources of their faithfulness that have met adversities of fire and changing times. We who live in this age are called to build upon their efforts to meet the needs of our day. What can we bring to the moment of this generation to build up the community and the ministry of Grace? Our brief history, less than 150 years, is nothing compared to the 11,000 year history of Jericho, but the history of this ancient city reminds us that the faithfulness of God is expansive and we must learn to walk in faithfulness trusting in the our Lord's ever present support. Upon our efforts future generations will hopefully continue to build this community of faith. In these changing times let us remember to not lose hope but seek to trust in the Lord knowing full well that he will bless us. Amen

Trivia: Not only is Jericho the oldest city in the world it is also the lowest city in the world at 846 feet below sea level!

Pastor Kevin Clementson



Heifer International

As of January 27, 2014,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$2,801.34.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a
Stephen Ministry
Congregation**

***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE***

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.

Food and Faith Dinners

This is a new small group developing here at Grace. It is designed for people who love to eat, sharing in preparing meals that incorporate fresh, local, seasonal foods as much as possible. We meet quarterly on Sunday evenings for a wonderful meal in a gracious atmosphere. We'd love to have you join us for the next meal.

The next dinner will be held on Sunday, March 2 beginning at 5:00 p.m. It will take place in the Theater at Grace. There will be a winter theme to this meal. Each person is to contribute \$10.00 for the meal. We will take reservations in the church office and on the RCR cards beginning in February. The deadline for making a reservation will be Monday, February 17.

If you like to eat fast food fast, this might not be the meal for you! But if you like great food, eaten slowly amidst gracious conversation, you will love Food and Faith Dinners. Please join us!

Contribution Envelopes



It has come to our attention that a few members have not received their 1st Quarter offering envelopes from Augsburg Fortress. The envelopes are mailed directly from Augsburg Fortress and there is no way for us to tell if the envelopes have been received. If you HAVE NOT received your January - March 2014 envelopes please call the church office at 410-848-7020 and speak with Sheilah.

Giant Grace Lutheran Birthday Party!!!!



The Fellowship Committee is hosting a giant, inter-generational birthday party on Sunday, February 23 at 3:00p.m. Participants will be invited to sit at the table of their birthday month. (Parents may join their children, if they desire.) There will be a table host for the various months. Doodles-the Clown will be there too!!! This is a new venture for us. Don't let the winter get you down, come on out for a great big party!!!!!!

PS Participants at this party are asked to bring a small item to share with NESAP for their birthday bags. So, a small toy, a cake mix and icing, birthday candles, or plates and cups are needed. We will use all that we get to make birthday bags for others!

Historical Society Box Lunches

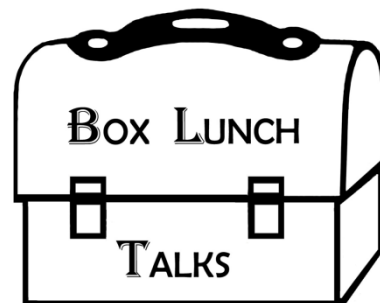
The following was taken directly from the website of The Historical Society of Carroll County (www.hsccmd.org):

"The Box Lunch Talk (BLT) program attracts scores of local history enthusiasts every month! These hour-long events – easily our most popular – begin promptly at Noon on the second Tuesday of every month in Grace Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll Street, Westminster. Free parking is available in the lot on Carroll Street. Enter the building through Entrance #4, on Kemper Avenue.

Past topics include The Wines of Central Maryland, Past Present & Future; Historic Barns of Carroll County; and Where is Grandma Hiding?, which showed guests how to explore their genealogy.

Participating is inexpensive and easy! Parking is free on the Carroll Street parking lot. Guests bring their lunch and enjoy a small selection of beverages and dessert. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

To see our current BLT schedule, pick up a copy of our newsletter The Courier, check our calendar online or give us a call at 410-848-6494. Programs are subject to change without prior notice."



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.

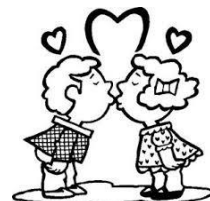
Appointments began on January 21, 2014, and will run through April 15, 2014. Tax preparation hours are Monday and Tuesday 10am-3pm and Wednesday and Thursday 1pm -7pm. HSP's VITA site is also open two more Saturdays – February 1 and 15 from 10am-4pm. Call HSP today to schedule your appointment, 410-857-2999.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

Valentines Date Night

Parents looking for a night out on the town *WITHOUT* your adorable and loving children?! Kids Night Out would like to help with that! On **February 22 from 6-8:30** we'll take the kids so you can go out and relax! You deserve it! Bring your kids [3 years old through 5th grade *please talk with Leanne or Christy Vadder if you have a child younger than 3*] in their PJ's and we'll feed them pizza and then settle down and watch *Despicable Me 2*! Please RSVP via the RCR card by **February 16!**



Books & Brew



Young adults are welcome to join us for our Books and Brew Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday [**February 12 and 26**] at Johansson's in Westminster. We gather from 7-8:30 but you are welcome to come at 6pm if you'd like to eat before we begin. We ask that you **bring cash** to cover the cost of your meal and plan on 25% to cover tip and tax.

T.E.C.T.

Teens Experiencing Christ Together kicked off last month! T.E.C.T. is our new Wednesday night Youth Group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 7-8:30 [**February 5 and 19**] in Legacy. This is a time for fellowship, games, and Bible study in small groups. T.E.C.T. is for **ALL STUDENTS 6TH-12TH GRADE** and friends are always welcome [and encouraged]!



T.E.C.T. Tubing!



6th-12th graders join us on President's Day **February 17, 2014** for snow tubing at Ski Liberty! We are **LEAVING** Grace at **5pm** so arrive early if you need to! We will be back by 9pm! The cost is \$23 per person and you will need to have a signed waiver in order to tube! You can find this form on their website under snow tubing or on Grace's website under downloadable resources! Please eat dinner before you come or bring something with you to eat in the car. There is food there but it is rather pricey! RSVP via the RCR card or by emailing/texting Leanne by **February 9!** PARENTS IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COME & DRIVE PLEASE LET ME KNOW VIA RCR CARD OR EMAIL/TEXT! I will let you know by February 12 if you are needed to drive! Of course if you want to come whether you are needed to transport students or not you are more than welcome to come!



Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

Rehearsals have begun for the Lent/Easter 2014 season! If you or any member of your family has thought about joining one of our traditional ensembles, we hope to see you now at one of the following rehearsals:

- **Agape Handbell Choir** (teens through adult) – Mondays, 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Music Room.
- **Luther Choir** (grades 1 to 5) – Wednesdays, 5:45pm to 6:15pm in the Music Room.
- **Chancel Choir** (teens through adult) – Thursdays, 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Music Room.
- **Festival Choir** (teens through adult) – Thursdays, 7:45pm to 8:45pm (March 20 through April 24) in the Music Room.

The Easter Cantata will be performed at the 10am All Grace worship service in Grace Hall on Sunday, April 27. I will be contacting Festival Choir folks by email with details. If you are someone with singing skills and have never been a part of one of our cantatas, or it has been a while since you have joined us, please consider being a part of the group this year!

Easter Cantata Rehearsal Schedule

- **3/20, 7:45 in the Music Room.**
- **3/27, 7:45 in the Music Room.**
- **4/3, 7:45 in the Music Room.**
- **4/10, 7:45 in the Music Room.**
- **4/17, 7:45 in the Music Room.**
- **4/24, 7:45 in the Music Room.**
- **4/26, 3pm in Grace Hall**
- **4/27, 10am in Grace Hall (9am call and sound-check)**



Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Sunday, March 2 at 11:15am – The Children’s Chorus of Carroll County will perform at worship in the Sanctuary.
- Wednesdays, from March 12 to April 9, at 7pm – The Agape Handbell Choir, Luther Choir, and Chancel Choir will perform at each of the Mid-Week Lenten services in the Sanctuary. Schedule is as follows:
 - March 12 – Chancel
 - March 19 – Luther
 - March 26 – Agape Handbell
 - April 2 – Luther
 - April 9 – Chancel
- Thursday, April 17 at 7pm – Elaine Conover will perform at the Maundy Thursday service in the Sanctuary.
- Friday, April 18 at 7pm – The Chancel Choir will perform at the Good Friday service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 20 at 7:45am – The Chancel Choir will perform at the Easter Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 20 at 11:15am – The Chancel Choir, Agape Handbell Choir, brass, and soloists will perform at the Easter Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 27 at 10am – Luther and Festival Choirs, with soloists, instrumentalists, and narrators, will perform in our annual Easter cantata at the All Grace Worship Service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 11 at 9am – Luther Choir will perform at the Mother’s Day worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 18 at 9am – Agape Handbell Choir will perform at the Contemporary Worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 18 at 7pm – Organist Ted Dix and several Chancel Choir members will perform the Mozart ‘Requiem’ as part of the Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County. The performance will be held in (Big) Baker Memorial Chapel on the campus of McDaniel College.



Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Greetings from the marsh,

I've been a little busy moving from the pond to the marsh. One of my cousins stopped by the pond during the holidays and entertained us with stories about her travels. Females get around more than us guys. They have to be on the move because of nesting, but that's a story for another time.

She had been traveling about and discovered that salty water provided a good habitat for living and dining. She was presented with clams, mussels, the occasional crab and lots of snails. It seems that as the tides refreshed the salted water, unlike the pond depending on rain, many meals passed by with the ebb and flow. The other good part was that salt didn't bother her complexion. "We have thicker skin than some of the others on our family tree," she explained.

Well... All of that got me to thinking and, I must admit, I was a little scared at the same time. New scenery would be nice; but what about lodging? What about the neighbors, would they like me? Would I look much different? A new diet might be enjoyable but what about crossing all those fields and roads to get there? As you can imagine, I was spinning. Then it hit me, who I was and why I'm me. I'm Timmy the Terrifying Terrapin of the Hungry and I fight for others to have food and yes I still battle mosquitoes for others. I have faith in myself and I know God is always there for me. I'm sure others will help to complete my mission if only one phase at a time. Who knows what can happen to those with faith and confidence; the possibilities are endless. After the moving to the marsh phase, I might look ahead to other possibilities.

Why do others pick up and move? How do they do it? Are they doing it on their own or as a group or tribe? Are they relocating for better living conditions or being forced to move? Have you ever moved for better conditions or been forced to relocate? I guess both have been happening for thousands of years all over the world. I know it happened in our own country many generations ago. Earlier inhabitants looked different, something about their skin or fur and different customs, I think. Maybe they had a different faith, or hadn't been exposed to faith, and not enough confidence. Did anyone help them along the way?

Sometimes we all could use a little help along the way for whatever reason. Better living conditions, a different or new job in a strange place, just something to get us over that log or around the boulder in our path. You have a way of helping those less fortunate than yourself. How can you provide that support? You most likely think it's money, don't you? Money does help for sure! But there is more that you can do. This isn't a quiz or your final exam yet but, how about faith and prayer? How about getting to know more about what is happening to others around the world? Think about it. Who could benefit from it?

We'll talk again later, take care,

Timmy

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

2014/2015 Registration

Registration for the 2014/2015 school year is currently underway. Registration forms and brochures are located in the literature racks and can be downloaded from our website (www.gracelc.org). If you know of someone who would benefit from our program please pass along the information; ***you are our best form of advertisement!*** Please call Anita at 410-848-7020 in the preschool office if you are interested in scheduling a visit.



Dining Out

We will be at Hoffman's Ice Cream and Deli on February 12 from 11:00am-9:00pm. Little Friends of Grace will receive 20% of **all** sales this evening. All proceeds benefit the LFOG scholarship program. We hope you can join us. If you cannot join us, donations to the scholarship fund are always appreciated. Thank you for your support of our program.

Family Fun Night

We will be having our fourth annual Family Fun Night on February 28 from 6:00 to 8:00. Our theme this year is Family Game Night. We are having an ice cream social along with selling pizza slices. We are looking for middle or high school students who are in need of community service hours or would just like to volunteer. Please call the preschool if you would like more details on the event.

Silent Auction

On February 28, we will be having a silent auction in conjunction with our Family Fun Night. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit our scholarship program. This is our major fundraiser of the school year. If you are interested in donating an item or service for the auction, please contact Anita in the preschool office.

Nonpublic Aging Schools Grant

Late December we learned that we were approved for the Nonpublic Aging Schools Grant. This grant will allot us up to \$5000 for repairs and improvements to various areas of the preschool. We are excited to be able to participate in this program.

Nonpublic Textbook Grant

For the seventh year, we have been approved for the MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant. By January 31 we will find out the amount of funds for which we have been approved. This will enable us to receive books, iPads and other materials for use in the classroom. Another wonderful opportunity for Little Friends!

Dates to Remember

February 17 – No School--President's Day
February 18 – No School--Teacher Professional Day
February 28 – Family Fun Night and Silent Auction



Financial Report for December, 2013

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

	<u>DECEMBER 2013</u>	<u>JAN/DEC 2013</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET 2013</u>
Income			
General Giving Income	102,488.95	\$686,631.35	\$772,268.00
Debt Reduction Income	22,069.50	156,634.58	180,000.00
Other Income	<u>28,861.16</u>	<u>237,227.89</u>	<u>383,755.00</u>
Total Income	\$153,419.61	\$1,080,493.82	\$1,336,023.00
Expenditures			
General Expenses	\$ 86,775.39	\$1,018,465.87	\$1,120,917.00
Improvements/Cap. Exp.	1,800.00	13,844.62	25,805.00
Debt Reduction	<u>10,952.55</u>	<u>184,873.98</u>	<u>189,301.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 99,527.94	\$1,217,184.47	\$1,336,023.00
Net Income/Loss	<u>\$ 53,891.67</u>	<u>\$(136,690.65)</u>	0.00

Our end of the year financial report is still showing a deficit; however due to increased giving in December, we were able to decrease our deficit over what was forecast as of November 30. Even though we wound up with a loss, many good things happened at Grace during 2013.

We were able to sell three rental properties. We received additional gifts from members and also a large gift from an estate. We were able to pay down our 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. So far we have 81 families who have made pledges. We have continued with our Legacy Circle of Grace Program. If you need more information on the Legacy Circle of Grace, see Ed Leister.

We also have been able to set aside some funds in a money market at New Windsor State Bank. These funds were from gifts and designated for Sanctuary repairs or debt reduction.

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 also need to build up our investments which have been continually decreasing over the years in order to fund our mortgage. We also have some major capital improvements 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 conversion and oil tank removable which is in the 2014 budget.

On behalf of the Pastors, Congregational Council and myself, we want to thank the congregation for their continued financial support during 2013. Without this support the ministries of Grace would not exist.

Thank you for your support.

F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer





*To the Prayer Shawl Ministry,
I want to thank you for the prayer
shawl and the love and prayers that
came with it. It brought a lot of
spiritual blessings to me.*

*Again thanks,
Ed Rainey*

*Pastors Martha & Kevin, The Funeral
Luncheon Ladies and members of the
church,*

*I want to take this opportunity to
express my thanks for the cards,
prayers expressed to me and my
family since Helen's passing.*

*Thanks to all,
Sister Bea & Family*

*Thank you to Thrivent Members who designated their 2013
Thrivent Choice Dollars to Grace Lutheran or Little Friends
of Grace. Over the past four years (2010-2013) Grace Lutheran
Church and Little Friends of Grace have received a total of
\$6,519.00. Your support is greatly appreciated!*

Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar!

Forget the cold of winter.....dream of the beach.....

2nd Annual Women's Weekend Away

October 3-5, 2014

Son & Sand Retreat Center, Ocean City, Maryland

Watch Grace Notes and weekly announcements for details and registration.



Troop 393 – 70 year Reunion



70 YEARS
of
SCOUTING
1944-2014

On February 15, 2014 at 5:00 pm in Grace Hall at Grace Lutheran Church, 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. Tables will be 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. Bring your stories too! Advanced tickets are required and can be purchased online at <http://www.troop393bsa.org/> (website address revised) for \$30 Adults, \$15 Youth or contact one of the following Scout Leaders: Ted Forman 410-848-6649 or Larry Shafer 410-848-0432.

Personal Notes

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Christina Santiago– November 18, 2013

Family of Arlin Utz – January 9, 2014

Family of Evelyn Nevius – January 17, 2014

Family of Eddie Miller – January 23, 2014





Youth Volunteers

Now is the time for high school students to begin thinking about summer volunteer positions to get those required service hours. All volunteers must complete an application and orientation session. The application may be completed online at www.clvillage.org. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 443-605-1011 or volunteer@clvillage.org for more information or a paper application.

CLV Debuts New Web Site

Carroll Lutheran Village launched a new web site January 6. The new site includes a listing of the Lutheran churches that form the corporation that owns the Village with links to the church web sites or Facebook pages, if applicable. The new site also includes online application forms for employment and volunteerism, virtual tours, a direct feed from the Village's Facebook page and a mobile component that makes the site compatible with most smartphones. See it today at www.clvillage.org.

February Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014

9:00 am Red Cross Adult/Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED (108)
5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 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, FEBRUARY 3, 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 Agape Handbell Choir 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, FEBRUARY 4, 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 Food & Faith Planning Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)
7:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting (L)
7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014

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 T.E.C.T. Gathering (101A/B, 107, 109/110, 111, 112)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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, FEBRUARY 8, 2014

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

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 Books & Brew (Johansson's)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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 Thursday Evening Book Club (LGS)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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, FEBRUARY 15, 2014

10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
5:00 pm Boy Scouts 70th Anniversary/Alumni Dinner (GH, UGS)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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)



(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

February Calendar of Events (continued)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
 5:00 pm T.E.C.T. Snow Tubing (Ski Liberty)
 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 Choir 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, FEBRUARY 18, 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, FEBRUARY 19, 2014

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 T.E.C.T. Gathering (101A/B, 107, 109/110, 111, 112)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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 Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 6:00 pm Valentine's Date Night (101A/B, FH, UGS)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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)
 3:00 pm Grace Lutheran Birthday Party (GH, FH, T)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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 Evangelism Committee (LGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

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 Books & Brew (Johansson's)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 Contemporary Worship Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (LGS)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:15 am CONNECT Women's Bible Study (112)
 6:00 pm LFOG Family Fun Night & Silent Auction (GH, FH, T, UGS)
 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



February Worship Leaders & Assistants

FEBRUARY 1-2, 2014

5:00 pm – Bob Lichtfuss

7:45 am – Pat Goldberg, **Reader:** Al Doermann

9:00 am – Kathy Rehak

Communion Assistants: Pete Morano, Dotti Morano, Murph Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Sandra Harrison

Ushers: Brian Sherfey, Dave Cox, Wyatt Cox, Randy Bachtel

11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg

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



**Worship
Assistants**

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2014

5:00 pm – Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease

7:45 am – Leonard Cherry

9:00 am – Michele Krichinsky

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

Ushers: Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, Don Ludwig, John Yarish

11:15 am – Charlie Beckhardt

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

FEBRUARY 15-16, 2014

5:00 pm – Kay Betz, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

7:45 am – Caroline Babylon

9:00 am – Adam Fairchild

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

Ushers: Jocelyn Spreitzer, Bob Spreitzer, Perry Crowl, Nancy Taylor

11:15 am – Cosette Schneider

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

FEBRUARY 22-23, 2014

5:00 pm – Laura Heller

7:45 am – Craig Giles

9:00 am – Pete Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Sheila Law, Al Law, Ann Thomas, Laura Heller, Karen Baust

Ushers: Don Ludwig, Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges

11:15 am – Kara Schuster

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg



FEBRUARY

**SANCTUARY AND
GRACE HALL –**

Hellen Widerman
and Friend

February Birthdays

February 2

Ryan Click
Ted Garrett
Camryn Hood
Marie Miller
Lori Welsh-Graham
Camden Zepp

February 3

Sarah Frazier
Jim Helm
Ella Heuchert
Linda Rill
Donna Yarish

February 4

Morgan Click
Michele Frieze

February 5

Jim Freiberg
Carolyn Lang
Jean Myers

February 6

Wyatt Cox
Carol Wiskeman

February 7

Paul Bowersox
Donna Eyer
Amanda Kilmer

February 8

Rachel Border
Elinor Causey
Wendy Cooke

February 9

Robert Lewis
Eileen Zepp

February 10

James Carpenter
Tayna Dorsey
Matthew Hoppe
Nicholas Palazzo
Donna Waltz

February 12

Tom Collier
Zaka Kuawogai

February 13

Irene Arbaugh
Laura Erikson
Michael Luzuriaga
Timothy Selby
Gregory Steinbrenner

February 14

Bonnie Crabbs
Julia Lewis
Landon Seabolt

February 15

Daniel Kempf
Patt Patterson Jones
Ellen Paulsen

February 16

Kimberly Lewis
Shelley Ordway

February 17

Linda Harper
Charles Johnson
Caitlin Sick
Anna Tschiegg
Brett VanLaer

February 18

Liz Meuse-Cummiskey
Scott Steers

February 19

Charles Garrett
Mary Anne Goetz

February 20

Catherine Booth
Neal Hoffman
Jim Myers
Robin Staub

February 21

Bethany Bachtel
Zachary Lau

February 23

Sarah Barnes
Adam Barnes
Katherine Clements
O'Ryan Weaver

February 24

Angela Auth
Connie Carbaugh
Ronald Dorsey
Veronica Luesse
AJ Venanzi

February 25

Jeanne DeCosmo
Amelia Dowling
Brooklyn Moore
Sharon Ramsey

February 27

Joseph Fino
Cassie Forman
Alyson Mobley

February 28

Jennifer Henley
Miriam Miller
Sheila Walsh

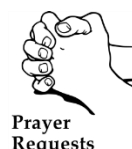
February 29

Helen Englar
Grace Freiberg
Dustin Wiles



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, Ilona Ries, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Allen, Gladys Bauerline, Marion Bauman, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Gordon Caples, Donna Carroll, Lou Chappell, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Peggy Fogle, Ken Gist, Barbara Gordon, Gunther Hof, Kevin Hof, Vaughn & Jamie Ireland, Philip Kirk, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Sandy & Walter Long, Chuck Lowman, Mary Lowman, Walt McAlexander, Mike Oddis, Dail Pease, Francis Stielper, Sr., 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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