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## Deadline for *April*

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

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## The Soft Whisper

One of my favorite stories of the Bible is the Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb. In the 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter of 1 Kings as despondent Elijah has all but given up; lamenting to God Elijah cries out, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." In response to this lament the Lord says to Elijah, (Think James Earl Jones as your read) "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by!" One would expect at this point God would display his mighty power to bolster the flagging prophet but this is not the case. "Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord." This would be a good display to support the prophet but read on... "but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake." Okay that should be a good display of power. "But the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire." Note the display of the mighty powers of the ancient world and God was not found in any of those things. Then we read in verse 12, "after the fire the sound of sheer silence." The New English Translation reads, "After the fire there was a soft whisper." And it was in this moment that the prophet Elijah found himself in the presence of God.

It is the nature of the Lord to come in unexpected ways. Throughout my life I have always been concerned when people of faith insist that everyone experience God in the same way. But this is not the case in the history of the people of God. Moses had his burning bush. Jacob wrestled with God at the River Jabbok. Peter was called by Jesus on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Paul was struck blind on the road to Damascus. Luther's life altering moment came in the midst of a lightning storm. One moment came for me while leaning on Dad's 1964 International Harvester pickup talking with my pastor. I suspect that you can add your own example of a moment when God has come into your life.

The religion of Faith often tries to suggest limits as to how God can come to us. I am not suggesting that God cannot come to us in the context of worship. In fact I firmly believe that the Lord does indeed come to us when we gather as the body of Christ. In fact I would suggest that we need to keep an open mind to those worshipful moments found in the midst of praise songs and in the melody and

lyrics of ancient hymns. I am disturbed when I hear criticism of boring old worship and with boring old hymns countered with attacks on seven/eleven songs. (These are the songs that have seven words and are sung eleven times.) We speak such language and we close ourselves off to avenues by which indeed our Lord does come to us.

Perhaps the thing that worries me most is that so many people have become so distracted by life that they are no longer paying attention. In our noise-filled world how many miss the soft whisper; the sheer silence of God? I was an attendee at a recent worship service in which I was able to sit anonymously in a congregation. During silence for prayer a young adult was busy playing a game on his smartphone and ever so softly you could hear the beeps and tones of the game. The worship leader had invited us to a moment of silence to listen much like Elijah but here was one too distracted to notice the presence of the Lord. I guess by my own argument one could argue that perhaps God can reach out to such a person. However I am inclined to believe that this young

person had no sense of the sacred – being so wound up with what was happening on that small screen and blind to the drama of life unfolding in his presence.

What is my point? Simply that our loving God makes every effort to reach out to his children by means that are extraordinary. In ancient and contemporary music, in liturgy, prayer and devotion God comes seeking to touch our lives and invite us into a living relationship that is transformative and life giving. I would hope that we would be a people who pay attention to the host of opportunities by which our Lord speaks. I would hope that we would remember to honor the many ways by which our Lord does indeed speak and not be so quick to judge and dismiss those ways to which we are not accustomed. Rather than assuming that God can come to us in only one way; rather than judging some ways superior to others perhaps we could remember to take the time to listen expectantly for the presence of the Lord who is ever speaking to his children. Amen.

Pastor Kevin Clementson



### **Making the Most of Lent**

The church year provides us with an annual opportunity for reflection, renewal and repentance. That time is called “Lent” and is nearly upon us once again. Lent begins with the observance of Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, March 5. Here at Grace we have worship services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Why is Lent important? There are of course, many answers to this question. I’d like to lift up two particular reasons that I find Lent an important time in my own life.

First, in this busy world it is easier to think about our faith than it is to put it into practice. This is especially true when it comes to participating in spiritual disciplines that support and enrich our walk with Christ. Lent can be a focused six weeks when we make a special commitment to add a practice in our lives that is not usually there...such as participating in Mid-week worship services with our brothers and sisters in Christ, or spending a few minutes in prayer and Bible reading each day, or attending a class, etc.

Second, Lent is a time when we focus on Jesus Christ, learning more about who he is and what he reveals to us about God and ourselves. In our world today, even among Christians, there are so many misconceptions and unhelpful ways of viewing faith. Each year, I appreciate the time we spend being reminded of the teachings of Christ, the events of his passion, and his call to us to follow him by taking up our cross in the world.

Here at Grace, we will offer Wednesday evening soup meals and worship services throughout the six weeks of Lent. This year’s theme is “Following the Master: Then and Now.” By looking at the witness of some of the Biblical characters who were closest to Jesus, we will learn more about what Jesus faced and we will be called to think about our own faith in Jesus. The services are under an hour and include a children’s message. As I look back on my own faith formation, I realize that attending midweek Lenten worship services as a child and teenager was a key component in my growth. I still love the quiet contemplation offered in these services.

This year, I am going to offer a four week class during Lent. It is titled, "Why? Making Sense of God's Will." It will be held on Sundays, March 16, 23, 30, and April 6 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.). I invite adults and teens to consider being part of the class. We will explore many of the difficult questions that we all confront, including why there is suffering and uncertainty when we believe that God loves and cares for each of us. Let's talk about some of those unsatisfactory answers that people give and find a solid foundation for handling these issues as we face them in our lives.

Lent is arriving rather late this year. So, we will begin to see the signs of spring as we move through these six weeks. How wonderful it would be to commit yourself to a spiritual journey that helps you move from the winter of darkness and despair to a spring of light and hope as Christ bursts through with love and salvation. Please join me in making the most of the weeks that are ahead. I promise that when we arrive at Easter, you will find a deeper meaning and joy if you've walked closely with Jesus through the time of his passion.

Pastor Martha Clementson

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### **Heifer International**

As of February 17, 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***

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### **HomeBuilders New Study: Protecting Your Child Through Prayer**

by Tiffany Cox



"Prayer is the most effective weapon parents have to keep their kids safe, because it enlists help from the most powerful protector of all: God. Please join us in the Theater during the Education Hour (Sundays 10:15-11:00a.m.). If you have any questions please contact Dave and Tiffany Cox ([tcxotoys@yahoo.com](mailto:tcxotoys@yahoo.com), 410-751-5022) or Leanne Elliott.

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### **March Red Cross Blood Drive**

by Emma Jane Weishaar

Grace Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive in Grace Hall on Monday, March 24 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](mailto:ejweishaar@comcast.net).



American  
Red Cross

## **Ash Wednesday Soup Meal**

The tradition continues on Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Please invite your friends and neighbors to stop by for soup on Ash Wednesday

From 11:30 – 1:30p.m. and 4:30 – 6:30p.m.

(last seating will be 6:30p.m.; Carry out available)

The Menu includes: Soup, Bread and Crackers, Drinks

Suggested Donation: Adults – \$6; Children 5-12 – \$3

Children under 5 – free

Advanced tickets are not needed



## **To help make the Ash Wednesday Soup Meal a success, we need the following:**



Homemade Bread, Ground Regular Coffee

Lemonade Mix, Iced Tea Mix

Crackers, Margarine, Parmesan Cheese

Beginning the weekend of March 1 and 2, please bring these items to the kitchen and label for "Ash Wednesday Meal"

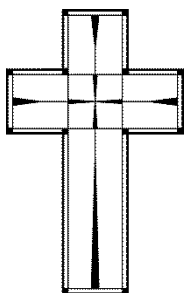
Your help will be greatly appreciated!!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the meal. Since the meal will be served in two different shifts, we will need volunteers to help from 11:30-1:30p.m. or from 4:30-6:30p.m. Please indicate on the RCR card at worship if you can help.

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## **Why?**

### **Making Sense of God's Will**



During the upcoming Lenten season, Pastor Martha is offering a four week course entitled, "Why? Making Sense of God's Will." A book and video by Adam Hamilton will serve as the primary text for the course. Class sessions will be led by Pastor Martha.

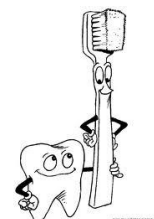
This course will explore questions people often ask as we try to make sense of evil and tragedy in the world. How can we believe in a loving God when so many bad things happen? Why is there so much suffering in the world? Why doesn't God stop bad things from happening to good people? We also will discuss answers that are commonly offered for difficult questions, exploring how they so often fail to satisfy us. Together, we will look for answers that honor who God is and who we are called to be as people of faith.

Classes will be held on Sundays, March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 from 6:30 – 8:00p.m. in the Theater. A book will be provided for each student, so registration is necessary no later than Sunday, March 2. Sign the RCR card at worship or email Pastor Martha at [mclementson@gracelc.org](mailto:mclementson@gracelc.org). If you are interested in attending but would need childcare, please let Pastor Martha know.

## Volunteers in Dental Service – El Salvador 2014

by Don Myers

Volunteers in Dental Service is an organization comprised of dental professionals and associates from the metro-Baltimore and Atlanta areas. For the past 24 years, they have made an annual one-week trip to a Central American country for the purpose of providing free dental care to both children and adults. Dr. Michael Luzuriaga, a member of our congregation, currently serves as the group's president.



In mid-January, I had the privilege to be a member of their support team and traveled with Mike, his assistant, Kim Reese, and 19 others to Usulután, El Salvador. In El Salvador, we were assisted by a local Baptist Church and the 20–30 Club, a service organization similar to the Rotary Club. All of our dental equipment and supplies for the trip were packed in suitcases and transported by the members of our group.

In Usulután, our dental clinic was set-up in the five rooms of the church's day care facility. The rooms were small (16'x20'), had very little or no lighting, and no air conditioning. The front of each room had an open-air wire metal grate on the upper half section. Temperatures would typically reach the low 90's each day. This was the same week that the ten-inch snow fell in Maryland.

Each day a group of local children and adults would walk to our clinic and wait, sometimes for several hours, to be seen by one of the five dentists and two hygienists in our group. It was interesting to see many of the young children dressed in their best clothes for this special occasion. Except for a lunch break, the dental professionals worked continuously throughout each day to provide dental care to as many people as possible. Even without the benefit of x-rays, the dentists completed numerous fillings, extractions, and even a few root canal procedures. Pain relief medication was also provided after the procedures for the people who might need it.

By the end of the week, 633 children and adults had been seen by the dentists and hygienists. Representatives from the Baptist Church and the 20–30 Club expressed their appreciation and gratitude in a special farewell ceremony that was held in the afternoon of our last day there. I was impressed by how well our team worked together, their high level of professionalism, and the spirited camaraderie and friendship among those who have served together on previous trips. Truly the results of their efforts will be seen in the smiles of those who received quality dental care for many future years.

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## Security and Building Access

by Arthur Pease

While Ronnie Wentz continues to heal from his broken leg, we will be locking the building down one hour earlier on the weekends. **Effective, February 8**, and for all upcoming weekends, all door key pads for building access will be turned off at 9:00p.m.; that means no general admittance for anyone after 9:00p.m. Building access will be turned back on at 6:30a.m. the following day. This will in no way impact scheduled functions that are or may be scheduled in the future. If you have any questions, please direct them to Arthur Pease ([apease@gracelc.org](mailto:apease@gracelc.org)).

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## Looking Ahead

**Senior Citizen Conversation with the Pastors** – Pastor Martha and Pastor Kevin invite the senior members and friends of Grace to join them for coffee, coffee cake and conversation on Thursday, April 3 from 10:00-11:30a.m. The pastors will share some pictures and stories from their trip focusing on “Gates, Wells, and Walls.” We hope you will join us for a conversation about some of the things the pastors learned while in the Holy Land. Please sign up ahead using the RCR card at worship.

**LOÓK  
at THIS!**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

### **Legacy High School goes to... Sky Zone!!!!**



High schoolers join us on **Saturday March 8 from 3-8p.m.** for a trip to Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Columbia Maryland! The cost is \$21/person and this will cover your cost for an hour and a half of jump time! We will then head to Vennari's Pizza for dinner! You will need to bring money for your meal! You must have the waiver signed and it will be available on the church website for you to download. Please RSVP by email or text to Leanne by Wednesday March 5 or sign up on the RCR card at worship!

### **Horizon Middle School trip to Players!**

On **Saturday March 22 from 7-9** the middle school students will be going to Players in Westminster! The cost is \$20/person, which covers two premium attractions and two main attractions. You are welcome to bring more money for more activities or batting cages, or food, etc. Please RSVP by signing up on the RCR card at worship by Sunday March 16.



### **MINISTRIES ON BREAK FOR LENT**

During Lent our young adult ministry Books and Brew and our middle and high school youth group T.E.C.T. will be taking a break. I encourage you to use this time on Wednesday evenings to attend the Lenten Soup Supper and Worship Services. Both ministries will resume meeting on their respective dates in May.



### **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 run through April 15, 2014. Tax preparation hours are Monday and Tuesday 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday 1:00p.m. -7:00p.m.

Call HSP today to schedule your appointment, 410-857-2999.



## Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

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

The Easter Cantata will be performed at the 10a.m. 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 (Please note that I have added 3/13 as the start night):**

- **3/13, 7:45p.m. in the Music Room.**
- **3/20, 7:45p.m. in the Music Room.**
- **3/27, 7:45p.m. in the Music Room.**
- **4/3, 7:45p.m. in the Music Room.**
- **4/10, 7:45p.m. in the Music Room.**
- **4/17, 7:45p.m. in the Music Room.**
- **4/24, 7:45p.m. in the Music Room.**
- **4/26, 3:00p.m. in Grace Hall**
- **4/27, 10:00a.m. in Grace Hall (9a.m. call and sound-check)**



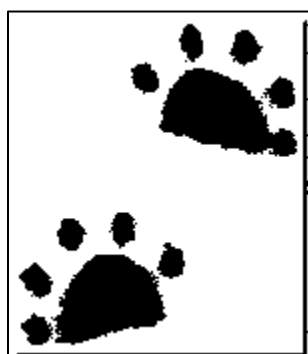
### Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Wednesdays, from March 12 to April 9, at 7:00p.m. – The Agape Handbell Choir, Luther Choir, and Chancel Choir will be performing at each of the Mid-Week Lenten services in the Sanctuary. Schedule is shown below:
  - March 12 – Chancel
  - March 19 – Luther
  - March 26 – Agape Handbell
  - April 2 – Luther
  - April 9 - Chancel
- Thursday, April 17 at 7:00p.m. – Elaine Conover will be performing at the Maundy Thursday service in the Sanctuary.
- Friday, April 18 at 7:00p.m. – The Chancel Choir will be performing at the Good Friday service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 20 at 7:45a.m. – The Chancel Choir will be performing at the Easter Sunday early worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 20 at 11:15a.m. – The Chancel Choir, Agape Handbell Choir, brass, and soloists will be performing at the Easter Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, April 27 at 10:00a.m. – 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.
- Sunday, May 11 at 9:00a.m. – Luther Choir will be performing at the Mothers' Day worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 18 at 9:00a.m. – Agape Handbell Choir will be performing at the Contemporary Worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 18 at 7:00p.m. – Organist Ted Dix and several Chancel Choir members will be performing 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

Hello again,

Thank you for your prayers for my move to the marsh. It has been a challenge thus far. It has been very different. If anyone is still praying for snow, pleeeeeease find another subject! Have you forgotten what sunshine looks and feels like? If I ever find that ground hog, he'll see the shadow of one terrifying terrapin for sure.

Now let me see, where did I leave off? Oh yeah differences. Well at first glance I thought this was going to be just another place with other inhabitants, and some like me. But within a few days, I discovered that it's not always easy getting to be accepted for who you are and what you are about. I'd like to eat a plump mosquito for everyone that asked who I was, where I was from and why I collected food just to give it away.

Let me continue—as the tide was coming in one morning, we were waiting to see what was for breakfast that day. Just then this largemouth bass came by with his jaws open so wide and drawing in some much food I could feel others beginning to wonder if there would be anything left for them. I learned earlier in the week that those living on the outskirts of the marsh and those in the tightly congested areas didn't always get enough to eat. I don't know what came over me and neither did anyone else. I was later described as TOMA, a terrapin on a mission; no one had ever seen anything move that fast before. I propelled myself forward and grabbed that fish by his tail and clamped down so hard, I must have really scared him too, because most of the food shot right back out of his big mouth. He spun around so fast thinking he had been hooked in the tail; when he saw me, he stopped dead in the water. Holy shrimp was he mad! Who was I and how dare I stop his feast was sort of what he said. I thought it's now or never and I stuck out my chest and said, "I'm Timmy the Terrifying Terrapin of Hungry and others would like something to eat also." Well that set his pride back a little and his gills just fluttered looking for something to say.

After a while things settled down and I got to explain to the bass, now known as "The Mouth" and other neighbors that we really don't need all the food we consume and that we can really share some of what we have with others and not feel the pinch. Hopefully others learned something from me and will pay more attention to those who might miss breakfast tomorrow.

I gotta go now; keep praying for me in my new home.

Love, ~~TOMA~~ (I mean ...)

*Timmy*

## Personal Notes

### In Memoriam:

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

Family of Greg Ganjon (brother of Gary Ganjon) – January 30, 2014





## **Little Friends of Grace Preschool News**

by Anita Erb, Director

### **2014/2015 Registration**

Registration for the 2014/2015 school year is currently in progress. We have classes for children ages two through four for the upcoming school year. If you are interested please call Anita at 410-848-7020 to set up an appointment for a tour of the preschool.

### **MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant**

Once again this year Little Friends of Grace has been approved for the MSDE Nonpublic Textbook Grant. We have not been informed of our actual dollar amount. This is a wonderful benefit for our program; we are looking forward to choosing resources to use in the classroom.

### **Family Night**

Our seventh annual Family Fun Night was to be held on Friday, February 28. Our theme this year was family game night. There were board games, minute to win it games as well as craft activities. Doodle the Clown visited us again and made special balloon sculptures. An ice cream social topped off the evening. We also had a silent auction to raise money for the scholarship fund; a huge thank you to the Grace members who donated items for the auction. We would also like to thank the volunteers who spent many hours organizing this event.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences/Staff Training**

LFOG will be closed March 31 and April 1 for parent-teacher conferences. We will also have staff training on March 11; our topic will be Circle Time Magic.

### **Hershey Park**

It's that time of year again to think about the "Sweetest Place on Earth." Discount tickets will be available again. Forms will be in the announcements in March and are due back by April 1. The discounted regular admission price is \$32; junior/senior price is \$27.75. Please call Anita if you have any questions.



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## **Quiet Evenings Program**

by Sharon Glass

On Friday, March 7 from 6:30-8:30p.m. we will be having the next Quiet Evenings Program at Grace Lutheran Church. Give yourself the gift of quiet and join us as we step outside the busyness of life to be present with God in the moment and to listen and respond authentically to God's calling on our spiritual journey.



Along with Centering Prayer to begin the evening in the Sanctuary, there will also be space to walk the labyrinth in Grace Hall, accompanied by "live" Native American flute. Ample time is set aside for quiet reflection/prayer/meditation and journaling, and there will be a brief service of prayer to close our evening of quiet. While there is no fee, there will be a basket for a free-will offering.

The next Quiet Evenings Program will be held on June 6, 2014.

**Financial Report for January, 2014**

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

	<u>JANUARY, 2014</u>	<u>JANUARY, 2013</u>
<b>Income</b>		
General Giving Income	\$47,452.81	\$47,171.12
Debt Reduction Income	9,917.00	12,383.00
Other Income	<u>27,456.65</u>	<u>25,121.89</u>
Total Income	\$84,826.46	\$84,676.01
<b>Expenditures</b>		
General Expenses	\$88,621.08	\$ 92,952.10
Improvements/Cap.Exp.	000.00	000.00
Debt Reduction	<u>10,952.55</u>	<u>15,775.12</u>
Total Expenses	\$99,573.63	\$108,727.22
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	(\$14,747.17)	(\$24,051.21)



We had hoped that January 2014 would have at least broken even instead of showing a loss; however this didn't happen. Part of this can probably be attributed to the fact that the Pastors were away on their trip for three Sundays and attendance was lower. We also had some bad weather in January. In comparing 2014 with 2013, both had the same number of Sundays. In order to fund our budget for 2014, our giving needs to increase.

*"But just as you excel in everything ... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7*

In His Service,  
F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

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### **Mid-Week Lenten Worship**

#### **"They Followed the Master: Then and Now"**

Please join us for worship on the Wednesdays during Lent. The schedule is as follows:

March 5 – Ash Wednesday - 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. – The Worship Service includes Holy Communion and Ashes; Soup is served 11:30 – 1:30 & 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

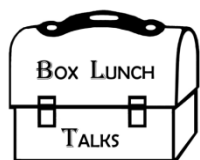
Worship Services: 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Soup Supper: 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

March 12 – Mary, the Mother of Jesus  
March 19 – John and Andrew  
March 26 – Martha and Lazarus  
April 2 – Judas and Matthew  
April 9 – Joanna

A children's message is included in the Wednesday evening services.



## Historical Society Box Lunches



The Historical Society of Carroll County ([www.hsccmd.org](http://www.hsccmd.org)) holds monthly Box Lunch Talks (BLT) for the community to attend. These talks are held on the second Tuesday of every month at Grace Lutheran Church in Grace Hall at 12 Noon. The next one will be held on Tuesday, March 11. The March topic will be "Indentured Servitude 1646-1946." Indentured Servitude was an English common law tradition that became prevalent in the American colonies and continued for centuries. George Murphy will examine the Carroll County Book of Indentures and will share the system's

lasting consequences.

Participating is inexpensive and easy! Parking is free on the Carroll Street parking lot. Please enter the building through Entrance #4 on Kemper Avenue. Attendees are asked to bring their lunch and enjoy a small selection of beverages and dessert. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

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### ***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, Donald and Nancy Michael, Ilona Ries, Ellen Terry

**Continuing Prayers:** Charles Adams, Kelly Allen, Marion Bauman, Brian Bowersox, Mike Button, Donna Carroll, Janet Clingan, Joseph P. Crone, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Al Doermann, Elaine Everett, Peggy Fogle, Ken Gist, The Ireland Family, Patricia Kennedy, Philip Kirk, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Diane Lawson, Jill Levin, Arlene "Eenie" Logue, Sandy & Walter Long, RuthAnn MacAfee, Mike Oddis, Dail Pease, Amanda Rampata, Courtney Rice, Kayla Rockwell, Mary Schomoto, Sally Kay Sawyer, Jen Skovatko, Deonne Untermalen, Ron Wentz, Michael Williams, 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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## Update on Al Doermann



So many members of Grace have asked about Al Doermann and have offered their prayers for him. Al and his family are grateful for all of our concern and especially our prayers. If you'd like to read updates on Al and send him (or his children) a message, visit <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/alfreddoermann>.

## March Calendar of Events

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 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  
10:15 am Pastors' Presentation of their Trip (GH)  
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)  
5:00 pm Food & Faith Diners (FH, T)

### MONDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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 Property Committee Meeting (108)  
7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (107)  
7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)  
7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014

11:30 am Ash Wednesday Soup Meal (FH, T)  
12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service (S)  
12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)  
4:30 pm Ash Wednesday Soup Meal (FH, T)  
5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)  
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service (S)  
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 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 Sonshine Callers Meeting (108)  
7:00 pm Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)  
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
9:15 am CONNECT Women's Bible Study (112)  
6:30 pm Quiet Evenings (GH, FH, L, T, S, UGS)  
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)



### SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014

3:00 pm Legacy HS – Sky Zone Trampoline Park  
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 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)  
3:00 pm Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Annual Banquet (FH, T)

### MONDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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)  
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)  
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service (S)  
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 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 New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)  
9:15 am CONNECT Women's Bible Study (112)  
6:30 pm SNOW DATE – LFOG Family Fun Night (GH, FH, T, UGS)  
8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 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)  
5:00 pm LYO Small Group Team Meeting (108)  
6:30 pm Pastor Martha's Lenten Study (T)



(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

## March Calendar of Events (continued)

### MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014

1:30 pm WELCA Planning Meeting (L)  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts Pack 307 (FH)  
7:00 pm Agape Handbell 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, MARCH 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, MARCH 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)  
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)  
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service (S)  
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 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 Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 22, 2014

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
7:00 pm Horizon MS Youth – Players in Westminster

### SUNDAY, MARCH 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)  
1:00 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (GH, FH, T)  
2:30 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)  
2:30 pm Confirmation Students & Mentors  
6:30 pm Pastor Martha's Lenten Study (T)

### MONDAY, MARCH 24, 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 Agape Handbell Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 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)  
7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)  
7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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)  
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Meal (FH, T)  
7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service (S)  
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 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 Personnel Committee Meeting (107)  
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014

12:00 pm Children's Chorus Modesty Fashion Show (GH, MR, UGS)  
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 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)  
6:30 pm Pastor Martha's Lenten Study (T)

### MONDAY, MARCH 31, 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)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall  
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(MR) Music Room (L) Library

## March Worship Leaders & Assistants

### MARCH 1-2, 2014

**5:00 p.m.** – Lisa Turner, **Reader:** Laura Miller

**7:45 a.m.** – Dena Hodges

**9:00 a.m.** – Joette Campanello

**Communion Assistants:** Donna Kent, Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Haley Hoff, Leanne Elliott

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

**11:15 a.m.** – Greg Hare

**Acolyte – 5:00 p.m., 11:15 a.m.** – Taylor Glass Button



### MARCH 8-9, 2014

**5:00 p.m.** – Yvonne Aasen

**7:45 a.m.** – Pat Goldberg

**9:00 a.m.** – Paul Whitson

**Communion Assistants:** Taylor Glass Button, Sharon Glass, Leanne Elliott, Chad Plendl, Kim Eckenrode

**Ushers:** Jamie Krichinsky, Michele Krichinsky, Bill Comegna, Brian Sherfey

**11:15 a.m.** – Rich Schuster

**Acolyte – 11:15 a.m.** – Amelia Dowling

### MARCH 15-16, 2014

**5:00 p.m.** – Bob Lichtfuss, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

**7:45 a.m.** – Karen Ganjon

**9:00 a.m.** – Jamie Krichinsky

**Communion Assistants:** Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling, Sue Roach, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp

**Ushers:** Dave Cox, Wyatt Cox, Tammy Lowman, Chuck Lowman

**11:15 a.m.** – Florence Tucker

**Acolyte – 11:15 a.m.** – Erin Sherlock

### MARCH 22-23, 2014

**5:00 p.m.** – Carol Ann Bauman and Arthur Pease

**7:45 a.m.** – Pat Goldberg

**9:00 a.m.** – Paul Whitson

**Communion Assistants:** Janet Bowersox, Murph Murphy, JoAnn Murphy,  
Erin Sherlock, Sandra Harrison

**Ushers:** Jamie Krichinsky, Michele Krichinsky, Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild

**11:15 a.m.** – Christian Schneider

**Acolyte – 11:15 a.m.** – Anna Tschiegg



### MARCH 29-30, 2014

**5:00 p.m.** – Kay Betz

**7:45 a.m.** – Leonard Cherry

**9:00 a.m.** – Adam Fairchild

**Communion Assistants:** Pete Morano, Dotti Morano, Stacey Tanzey,  
Mark Tanzey, Rich Chaney

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

**11:15 a.m.** – Anna Tschiegg

**Acolyte – 11:15 a.m.** – Taylor Button Glass

### MARCH

**SANCTUARY AND  
GRACE HALL –**

Evelyn Babylon  
Caroline Babylon



## March Birthdays

### March 1

Troy Dorsey  
Sophie Gilbert  
Sophie Grigg  
Mildred Markle  
Carolyn Seabolt  
Amanda Whitcomb

### March 2

Joan Baltzell  
Beth Meyers

### March 3

Tiffani Blomster  
Darlene Helt  
Kaylie Kurland

### March 4

Nancy Bradfield  
Nicole Davis  
Kathy Gressieux  
Samantha Kurland  
Makai Piisila  
Elizabeth Schaeffer  
Mark Strevig

### March 5

Kensi Bancroft  
Debra Bowman  
Linda Martin

### March 6

Janet Bowersox  
Ashley Davis  
Doris Hare  
Anna Johns  
Nicholas Luesse  
Shelly Ryan  
John Steers  
Janice Stonestreet  
Ruth Zechman

### March 7

Sharon Glass  
Luke Huffman  
Richard Humbert  
Grace Jones  
Arleda Turfle

### March 8

Dustin Oddis

### March 9

Brayden Bowers  
Daniel Capece  
Julia Cook  
Lindsey Eppler  
Landen Horton  
Meagan McCormick  
Owen Roach

### March 10

Jeffrey Giles  
Stephen Hertsch

### March 11

Susan Bachtel  
Fred Jenkins

### March 12

Barbara Johnson  
Brittany Martin

### March 13

Jaden Campbell  
Kyle Sherfey

### March 14

Corey Colbert  
Tim Crews  
Anita Oswald  
Arthur Pease  
Jeff Pringle

### March 15

Kara Baker  
David Cox  
Michael Hoppe

### March 16

Kim Arbaugh  
Ben Buttner  
Maurice Good  
Mark Luesse  
Nancy Luzuriaga  
Jonathan Monka  
Zachary Nixon  
Ellen Terry

### March 17

Allie Alvarez  
Sean Burk  
Kati Dix  
Edward Leister  
Stacey Pickett  
Haley Wilson

### March 18

Elaine Holmes  
Virginia Hutting  
Jordan Loscomb  
Catherine Martin  
Samuel Schaeffer

### March 19

Michael Chaney  
Lucas Day  
William Lentzner  
Jordan Marley

### March 20

Jacob DeGreif  
Maddie Lichtfuss  
Rose Ann Meinecke  
Anthony Sharkey  
Sharon Wiles

### March 21

Patricia Spears

### March 22

Chris Borleis  
Thomas Mancha  
Dave McGinnis

### March 23

Haley Ellis El  
Nancy Suder  
Candy Weaver

### March 24

Sherri-Le Bream  
Sterling Carr  
Ted Forman  
Keith Lentzner  
Nancy Patton

### March 25

Gail Myers  
Claire Roth  
Pete Tabatsko

### March 26

Lauren Leutner  
Brittany Miller  
Nancy Null  
Brian Sherfey  
Elizabeth Bair Warehime

### March 28

Alex Bair  
Cheryl Gosaguio  
Anna Karlson  
Elle London  
Chloe Roth  
Reed Wilson

### March 29

Lori Bowen  
Logan Gardner

### March 30

Dylan Allred  
Lee Arbaugh  
Judy Baker

### March 31

Owen Burk  
Mary Dietz  
Brianna Lowell  
Vernon Walsh



## EASTER FLOWERS TO DECORATE OUR CHURCH

Deadline to Order: **Monday, April 7, 2014**

*Honor or Remember loved ones this Easter with **Blooming Spring Flowers!***

*Due to the date of Easter, the flower choices are different this year.*

*The worship spaces will be decorated with your choice of Spring Flowers!*

\_\_\_\_\_ (flower qty.) x \$10/each = \_\_\_\_\_

Qty. Each: \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies      \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips      \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths      \_\_\_\_\_ Mums

*Please make checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church**, Memo line: Easter Flowers*

*Submit form to office through collection plate, mail, or by dropping off.*

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

I will leave flower(s) for a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up flower(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Given By (as shown in dedications) \_\_\_\_\_

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