

Grace Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6, 2014

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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:00 pm - Saturday in the Sanctuary

7:45 am - Sunday in the Sanctuary

9:00 am - Sunday in Grace Hall

11:15 am - Sunday in the Sanctuary

10:15 Education Hour

** Nursery is available for children under 3 during the Education Hour in Room 100.

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. Please stop by the Visitor's Table to pick up a Welcome Bag. We invite you to sign the RCR card or fill out a visitor's card at the Table so we can get to know you.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, April 6

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)

6:00 pm Lenten Study (GH) (**time changed**)

Monday, April 7

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)

7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir Rehearsal (MR)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (101A/101B)

7:00 pm Stephen Ministers Meeting (107, 108)

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, April 8

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, 101)

7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)

7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

Wednesday, April 9

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 Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service (S)

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

(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

Thursday, April 10

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)

7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Friday, April 11

6:30 am Men's Brkfst & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)

8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, April 12

9:00 am WELCA Feeser Scholarship Meeting (LGS)

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Sunday, April 13

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)





The deadline to place your Easter Flowers order is this Monday, April 7!

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Pastor Kevin Clementson

April Altar Guild: Cyndy Beckhardt, Brenda Lightner (S, GH) **Worship Assistants:** (5:00) Laura Heller, **Reader:** Sharon Glass,

(7:45) Evelyn Babylon, (9:00) Kathy Rehak, (11:15) Anna Tschiegg **Communion Assistants:** (9:00) Bill Comegna, Alyson Guerra, Steve

Crews, Nancy Crews, Laura Heller

Ushers: (9:00) Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes

Acolyte: (5:00, 11:15) Taylor Glass Button

Performing: (Mid-week Lenten Service 7:00) Chancel Choir

SERVING NEXT WEEK (April 12-13, 2014):

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Lisa Turner, (7:45) Caroline Babylon, (9:00) Michele Krichinsky

(11:15) Cosette Schneider

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Craig Giles, Murph Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Sheila Law, Al Law

Ushers: (9:00) Linwood Van Horn, Randy Bachtel, Don Ludwig, Bill Comegna

Acolyte: (11:15) Taylor Glass Button **Performing: (11:15)** Luther Choir

DAILY READINGS

Sun (6) John 11:1-45 Mon (7) Mark 10:32-34 Tues (8) Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Weds (9) Matthew 21:1-11 Thurs (10) Isaiah 50:4-9a Fri (11) Psalm 31:9-16 Sat (12) Philippians 2:5-11

Sun (13) Matthew 27:11-54



Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Pastors Kevin and Martha and Beth Clementson.

<u>March 29-30, 2014 Attendance</u> - (5:00) 36 (7:45) 35 (9:00) 220 (11:15) 73 (TOTAL) 364 <u>Mid-week Lenten Worship (April 2) Attendance</u> - (7:00) 107

Ingathering of Baby Supplies for Djibouti, Africa: Pastor Cris Frigm (Zion, Middletown, MD) is currently deployed as a US Navy Chaplain to Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa. Djibouti is a very impoverished nation and in need of many materials to provide for their people. We are collecting the following baby supplies in April and will ship them to Pastor Frigm for distribution: Baby wipes, baby rash ointments, baby powder, baby Tylenol, baby blankets, bottles, binkies, undergarments (ages 2-6), sippy cups, baby lotions, baby food.



<u>Grace welcomes back Ronnie Wentz!!!</u> We are so glad that Ronnie's leg is healing well and he was released to come back to work.



A great big thank you goes out to the many people who pitched in to help with facility needs in his absence, especially our Facilities and Technology Manager, Arthur Pease who worked countless extra hours above his job. We especially thank the volunteers who provided security each night. They include: Randy Bachtel, Gary Ganjon, Don Hodges, Dave Monka, Mike Oddis, Rich Schuster and Pastor Kevin. Thank you everyone for a great team effort!

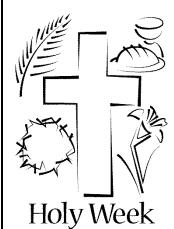
Mid-week Lenten Services Following the Master: Then and Now

Wednesday, April 9 is the last week in our Mid-week Lenten Services. The Worship Service begins at 7:00. The biblical drama will feature "Joanna" portrayed by Sharon Deardorff. Kelly Conover Zavandro will share her insights of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in today's world. Special music will be provided by the Chancel Choir. Pastor Kevin will give the children's message.

Soup Supper will begin at 6:00, sponsored by the Property and Fellowship Committees.

Please join us for the last installment in this very meaningful series.

Holy Week at Grace



April 12-13 – Palm Sunday – We will have festive worship services celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Children are invited to meet in the Upper Gathering Space before the 9:00 Worship Service to be a part of the procession into the worship service. The Luther Choir will sing at the 11:15 Worship Service. Pastor Martha will be preaching at all of the services.

Each worshipper that day will receive their choice of a Palm (Eco palms, purchased through Lutheran World Relief, are grown in a socially and economically just way, provide a fair price to harvesters, and protect the forests) or a Palm Cross (purchased from villages in Africa where the production of these crosses is a major source of income).

Wednesday, April 16 - Service of Healing – The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Martha will be preaching. Each worshipper will have the opportunity to come forward for an individual prayer and blessing.

April 17 – Maundy Thursday - The service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. It will include the celebration of Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar. Pastor Kevin will serve as the preacher.

April 18 - Good Friday - Grace will have two worship services this year.

<u>Community Cross Walk</u> – begins at 11:00 a.m. at Ascension Episcopal Church and will continue through downtown Westminster to the destination of Grace. A service will be held at Grace beginning at about 12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome, whether they participated in the Cross Walk or not.

<u>Tenebrae</u> – Our evening Good Friday Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. It will be a traditional Tenebrae service remembering Jesus' final hours on the cross. The service ends in darkness and silence.

Easter!!!!

Jesus' glorious resurrection will be celebrated at all of our worship services on April 19 and 20. All Services are at their regular times: Saturday, 5:00, Sunday at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:15.

We invite you to make the journey with Jesus through his passion, death and resurrection. Easter joy means so much more when you've been with Jesus throughout the days of Holy Week. Our daily worship services have great meaning. Please join us for the entire week!



Easter Flower Orders

Deadline to order is THIS Monday, April 7! See the order form on the back of the announcements.



Summer Adult Mission Trip

This summer, July 7-11, 2014, we will be going to Somerset County, MD, around the Crisfield area, to assist with repair and new construction due to damage from Super Storm Sandy. Please see the links below for additional information: http://www.somersetrecovery.org/ or http://www.lpdr.org/. Sign up by contacting Laura Heller (phone 443-291-6044 or email http://www.lpdr.org/. Sign up by contacting Laura Heller (phone 443-291-6044 or email https://www.lpdr.org/. Sign up by contacting Laura Heller (phone 443-291-6044 or email https://www.lpdr.org/. Sign up by contacting Laura Heller (phone 443-291-6044 or email https://www.lpdr.org/. Sign up by contacting Laura Heller (phone 443-291-6044 or email https://www.lpdr.org/. Sign up by contacting Laura Heller (phone 443-291-6044 or email https://www.lpdr.org/. Sign up by contacting Laura Heller (phone 443-291-6044 or email https://www.lpdr.org/. Sign up by contacting Laura Heller (phone 443-291-6044 or email https://www.lpdr.org/. Sign up by contacting Laura Heller (phone 443-291-6044 or email https://www.lpdr.org/. Sign up by contacting the laura Heller (phone 443-291-6044 or email https://www.lpdr.org/.

Celebrate Ministry Annual Dinner Delaware – Maryland Synod

On Sunday, May 4 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. the Delaware- Maryland Synod will sponsor the annual Celebrate Ministry Dinner at Carroll Lutheran Village. This year, Carroll Lutheran School will receive an award for excellence in education. The dinner is \$20 per person. Registration must be in no later than April 14. If you'd like to attend, please see Pastor Martha for a registration form.

Cultivating Healthy Congregations May 6, 2014

The Delaware-Maryland Synod is offering a continuing education event for laity and rostered leaders here at Grace on May 6. The speaker will be Rev. Robert Holley, co-author of the book *Called by God to Serve: Reflections for the Church*. His daughter, the Rev. Michelle Holley Carlson will introduce the Healthy Congregations Program that the synod is developing. Pastor Martha has been a Healthy Congregations facilitator for many years and speaks highly of the concepts involved in this program. The cost of the event is \$15 per person, which includes a light dinner and a copy of Rev. Holley's book. The event is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Please speak with Pastor Martha if you'd like to attend. More details can be found at www.demdsynod.org under "Upcoming Events."

Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet Donations

Social Ministry Committee is collecting items in March for Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet. The following items are needed: Disposable Diapers – Large Size, Ajax Powder, Pine Sol, Paper Towels, Bathroom Tissue, Feminine Supplies, Soap, Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Shampoo, and First Aid Products



These items may be dropped off in the Upper or Lower Gathering Space in the designated boxes. Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need.

Food & Faith Diners

Food and Faith Diners will join together for a meal on Sunday, April 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Theater here at Grace. All adults are welcome to join in a meal of delicious food, prepared especially for us and served in a quiet, gracious environment. The cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door. Reservations are a must. Please sign the RCR card no later than April 13 if you plan to attend.

Lutheran Church Men Spring Dinner Meeting

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Spring Dinner Meeting on Monday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m., at St. Luke (Winter's) Lutheran Church near New Windsor. As has been customary, a free-will offering will be received for the meal with at least \$11.00 requested.

The ladies of the church will be serving a family-style Fried Chicken dinner with all the fixins'. Following dinner, the men will move to the nave for devotions and a hymn sing led by Pastor Diane Day, pastor of Jerusalem Lutheran Church and Associate Chaplain at Carroll Lutheran Village.

Reservations to Ed Leister at 410-848-8640 or on the RCR card at weekend worship on or before Sunday, April 13, please.

Real Money Talk for Women

On Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Community Building at the Westminster Swimming Pool, 325 Royer Road, Westminster, there will be a presentation for women to understand their finances and find balance in their life. You will receive information and discover steps to:

- ✓ Reduce your worries by understanding the facts that apply to women
- ✓ Overcome obstacles that stand in the way of managing your finances
- ✓ Use five keys that can help you reach your financial goals



Register by calling 410-857-1333 or email <u>becky.leister@thrivent.com</u> by April 7 to reserve your spot. This workshop will be presented by The Carroll County Chapter Thrivent and M. Rebecca Leister CLU, FIC.

Complimentary refreshments will be served.

CROP Walk Day is THIS Sunday!

 Donation envelopes are available for your donations. Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Place it in the offering plate or give to a CROP Walker. Help Church World Service (CWS) provide relief abroad and here at home. Of the funds raised, 25% will be returned to Carroll County to support our local agencies: Carroll County Food Sunday, Access Carroll and Shepherd's Staff.



- Walkers, see recruiter Jan Mickey in the Upper Gathering Space to sign out your CROP WALK envelope or reach her at 410-775-7788 or jmickey52@yahoo.com. (Please collect your donations in advance of the walk.)
- The Carroll County CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday afternoon, April 6, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 200 Main Street, New Windsor. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. for the out-and-back 5-mile walk on Route 75 to begin at 2:00 p.m. You don't have to walk the entire distance. Some walkers use the St. Luke's Lutheran Church rest stop as their turn-around.
- To donate online, Google carroll county crop walk; click on Donate; click on I want to support a Team; find Grace Lutheran Church; click on Donate Now and follow the instructions.

Mar-Lu-Ridge Work Day



The Mar-Lu-Ridge Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, 4/12/14. Come and join our group from Grace Lutheran – all ages are welcome and there is always something for everyone to do. Carpooling is available; we will meet at the Grace Lutheran parking lot at 6:45 a.m. and arrive at MLR by 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. We will finish our work no later than 4:00 p.m. and be back to Grace by 5:00 p.m. Please contact Laura Heller at 443-291-6044 or lheller1@msn.com if you are interested in participating.

The recycling receptacles in the back parking lot have now been emptied and are ready to be filled once again. Recycle your paper and help Grace earn money at the same time!



Community Garden

Spring is finally here and the Grace Gardeners are getting ready for another great season in our community garden. We are looking for volunteers to help with planting, weeding, and harvesting - all ages are welcome. If you are not able to volunteer time, we also appreciate plant and seed donations. If you are interested in helping or want additional information, please contact Nancy Suder at 443-507-5443 or snaanjola@msn.com or Laura Heller at 443-291-6044 or lheller1@msn.com.

Mark Your Calendar: Grace will have Vacation Bible School on July 14-18, 2014 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Children age 3 – grade 5 are invited to attend this exciting week. Watch for more details and registration materials!!!!



Release the Feast: 30 Hour Famine



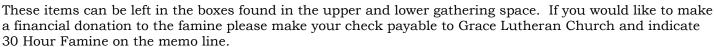
Are you in **6-12**th **grade**?! Then you are a part of T.E.C.T. and that means you get to participate in this year's 30 Hour Famine! We are doing the famine with Calvary Lutheran Church in Mt. Airy and Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Westminster again! The 30 Hour Famine is an event hosted twice annually on a national scale by World Vision to help raise awareness and money for World Hunger. Participants will begin their fast after lunch on Friday April 25 and we will break our fast together with Communion and then a meal on April 26. This means that we go 30 hours without food. During the famine we will join Tribes and play games, watch videos, have discussion, and participate in service projects all focusing on the issue of hunger. We will build our homes for the night out of

cardboard boxes and sleep in the Carroll Street parking lot; because many in our country and world make their homes in this same fashion each and every night. This is a very powerful event and we are very excited to be participating in our second famine! If you are interested in being a part of **this year's famine 6:30pm April 25-7pm April 26** please see Leanne for a fundraising packet by **April 6**. Questions? Please see Leanne or email/text her.

30 Hour Famine Donations

We are asking for a variety of donations for the 30 Hour Famine to support World Hunger April 25-26. We are in need of large cardboard boxes (broken down) to make our cardboard city Friday night as well as Gatorade to help keep students hydrated during their fasting. These items can be dropped off in the church office. In addition we are collecting the following items to use in our service project on Saturday...

- 1. Cases of water
- 2. Individually wrapped tooth brushes
- 3. Toothpaste
- 4. Combs
- 5. Soap
- 6. Plastic spoons
- 7. Pairs of socks
- 8. Individually packaged applesauce



30 Hour Famine Volunteers

We are also seeking volunteers to help in two capacities during the famine. We need adults interested in helping with security to serve in **2 hour shifts** from 12:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. We are also looking for some volunteers to help prepare the meal Saturday evening which will be served at 6:00 p.m. to end their fast. If you are interested in helping in either capacity please email Leanne Elliott at lelliott@gracelc.org.

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

<u>Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers:</u> Sarah Barnes, Elinor Causey, Helen Corbett, Trudy Hirt, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Donald and Nancy Michael, Ilona Ries, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Allen, Gladys Bauerline, Marion Bauman, Morgan Benner, Avery Benner, Brian Bowersox, Barbara Burgess, Mike Button, Lou Chappell, Janet Clingan, Joseph P. Crone, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Lewis Dixon, Al Doermann, Elaine Everett, Peggy Fogle, Peg Forbes, Ken Gist, Bernedett Gray, Dick Haines, Anne Hood, Gunther Hof, Philip Kirk, Mary Krempin, Michael Landy, Diane Lawson, Evelyn Leppo, Jill Levin, Sandy & Walter Long, Dail Pease, Brandon Rice, Kayla Rockwell, Sally Kaye Sawyer, Family of Laura Sheldon, Tammy Spellman, 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.

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!

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