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Deadline for June/July

Grace Notes is Tuesday,

May 13. Please email your news to Dawn -

dstem@gracelc.org or stop

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hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm).

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Building Relationships with God and Community

What is your mission or vision? Corporate and non-profit organizations are asking such questions of themselves on a regular basis because the ability to answer such questions has much to do with success or failure. Organizations where the leaders and staff have no clear sense of mission struggle with energy often being misdirected and even counter-productive. A lack of vision results in ever increasing frustration and increasing lethargy. A significant danger resulting in no common purpose is that an unintended and unspoken mission fills the vacuum that can actually be diametrically opposed the original intent of the organization.

In the book, *Good to Great* by Jim Collins, the author gave the example of a well-known corporation Bethlehem Steel. Once known for the production of steel and building ships this corporation was a symbol of the power of industrial America. Yet in 2001 the corporation went into bankruptcy and disappeared from the American landscape. Collins points out that at the point when global competition was putting a strain on Bethlehem Steel the corporation built a new corporate headquarters. The building was constructed in the shape of a cross reportedly to provide enough corner offices for the ever increasing number of staff with titles of vice president. The production of steel and the construction of ships had given way to funding a bloated bureaucracy. The result of this unintended mission was the complete collapse of Bethlehem Steel.

In the latter half of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century the Church in Europe and North America has suffered a startling decline. While there are exceptions to this general observation most examples of growth are linked to the charisma of a few exceptional individuals. It is a plausible argument that a key contribution to this decline is a loss of vision by the majority of churches or at least a vision which the majority of people within congregations can articulate. The result has been congregations and church bodies focusing on things that often have very little to do with the mission of the Church. So what is the mission of the Church and the people of God? Scripture offers us some very good starting points:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.
(Deuteronomy 6:3)

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
(2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

A few years ago at Grace Lutheran we too thought carefully about our mission in the world as members of the body of Christ. We drafted and voted to accept the following mission statement. "Gifted with God's grace, redeemed by God's Son and filled with the Holy Spirit, we grow in our relationship with God, one another, and community. Through word and sacrament, we gather to worship, learn, and go into the world empowered to serve." Our vision statement summarizes it all this way; "Building relationships with God and Community." These statements summarize who we are and what we are to be about as the Body of Christ. In many ways our statements incorporate much of the three scriptures referenced above.

What are we to be doing as the children of God? Do our actions build up or tear down the relationships that people have with God and others? Our strong commitment to Westminster through our social ministries does indeed work to build up relationships between people and God by exhibiting the nature of Divine love in service to others. Worship is central to who we are for here we meet God in Word and Sacraments. Fellowship becomes means that help us to draw closer to God and each other. Education helps us to

understand how we live out our vision and mission in the world. Our building, our tithes and offerings all support and fund the work of the gospel in the building up of relationships with God and Community.

When we forget that we are the children of God, when we lose sight of our vision to build relationships with God and community, we stumble and become something other than what God has called us to be. I see too many communities of faith who have made their mission to be about surviving and the result is that they are dying. I see congregations who are all about being successful and mission is forgotten. It is easy to lose our way and lose our focus as the Body of Christ. In these difficult times it is important to remember what God has called us to be about here at Grace.

We are a people **"Gifted with God's grace, redeemed by God's Son and filled with the Holy Spirit, we grow in our relationship with God, one another, and community. Through word and sacrament, we gather to worship, learn, and go into the world empowered to serve."** That is the mission statement of Grace and our vision for how we will fulfill this important work is to **Build Relationships with God and Community.**

God help us to always
be faithful to the work for
which you have called us.
Amen.

Pastor Kevin



Jesus Is That Important!

When I was growing up, my home congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, often invited missionaries who were home on furlough to visit our congregation. When I think back to those visits, I remember meeting mostly older ladies who told tales of living in faraway places. I also remember their passion for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I had the impression, even as a child, that they took big risks because they believed that Jesus was that important.

During the last fifty years, the approach to Global Mission has changed a little bit, but the passion to share the Gospel and to work with brothers and sisters in Christ still burns brightly. Today, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, more than 240 missionaries serve in some 40 countries around the world. The work they do is seen as "accompaniment" which means walking together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality. Today's missionaries help to develop and support local church leaders and work together with them in providing health care, teaching academic subjects, life skills, faith practices, and supporting the growth of local churches by teaching in seminaries and working in congregations.



As in the past, the people on the home front are vital to the work of the global missionaries. Without the financial and spiritual support of people in the United States, all of the missionaries would need to come home!



Grace has been active in supporting global missionaries for many years. We sign an annual covenant pledging our support for specific missionaries. Barbara Robertson, whom we have supported for a number of years, completed her work in Tanzania at the end of 2013. Now we have entered into a covenant with Pastors Wendolyn and Eric Trozzo who serve in Sabah, Malaysia. Pastor Eric teaches courses on Lutheran theology through the Lutheran Study Center at the ecumenical seminary in Sabah. The Trozzos have been married for 12 years. They have two sons, Dante, 7, and Caedmon, 4. Learn more about their work, their family, and Malaysia by reading their blog "flungforthanew.com."

We will have the wonderful opportunity to meet the Trozzo family on Wednesday, June 4 right here at Grace! We will treat them to a good old American Pot Luck Dinner!!!! Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by conversation with Pastors Eric and Wendolyn. Our middle school and high school youth ministry meets that evening and so they will be part of this gathering. We've also invited friends from St. Benjamin's and St. Mary's to join us because they too are sponsoring the Trozzos' ministry.

I urge people of all ages to join us for this very special event. Hearing from the missionaries who took the Gospel to distant lands made a lasting impression on me. I

can't help but believe that we have young people here at Grace who will be touched and formed by this kind of exchange with our partners in the Gospel.

Pastor Wendolyn writes, "Mission work is any work done to show others God's deep, abiding, surprising love." She invites us all to see ourselves as missionaries. She says she is now a missionary with plane tickets!

I can't wait to meet this family who has made such a deep commitment because they think that Jesus is that important. Please plan to be with us on June 4.

Pastor Martha

Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County Spring Concert 2014

featuring

Requiem

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Margaret Boudreaux, Artistic Director
Ted Dix, Organ
with the
Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra



Sunday, May 18, 2014, 7:00 PM

Baker Memorial Chapel, McDaniel College

Admission: \$12 adults (\$10 if purchased in advance) (All students w/ID and children admitted free at the door.)

Tickets will be available online www.MasterworksofCC.org, at the door, from Chorale members, and at the Carroll County Arts Council. For information: 410 871-3371.



Heifer International

As of April 14, 2014,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$2,847.66.



**Grace Lutheran Church is a
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Congregation**

***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE
THROUGH PEOPLE***

Grace Lutheran Church Annual Informational Meeting **Sunday, May 18 at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary**



Our congregation's Annual Informational Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 18 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11:15 worship service. All members of the congregation are urged to attend this meeting. Updates will be given on the progress of Growth in Ministry and the Renovation of our Sanctuary. The officers of the congregation will report on their work as well.

While this meeting does not include voting, it is an important opportunity for our congregational members to be together and hear the details of our mutual life as the body of Christ. Please show your support for our congregation and its hard-working leaders by attending this brief meeting.

South of the Border Lunch – Sunday, May 18

All members and friends of Grace are invited to join in a meal of tacos and lots of great side dishes!! The meal will take place immediately following the Congregational Meeting. A free will offering will be received. The event is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. We do request that you let us know that you plan to attend so we can have the right amount of food! Sign the RCR card at worship by Sunday, May 11.



Grace Lutheran Email Prayer Chain



A newly developed ministry at Grace is a prayer chain that will reach out by email. Thanks to Charlie Buhrman who will be managing this site you can send prayer concerns to him at chbuhrman@yahoo.com. Please note that for issues of confidentiality be sure to have permission if you are requesting prayers on behalf of another person. You can also become a recipient of prayer needs by sending your email address to Charlie requesting to have your name added. The longstanding **Phone Tree Prayer Chain** continues and you can contact Marion Fourhman at (410) 848-8865 with prayer concerns or if you wish to be a part of that prayer chain.

Women of the ELCA

by Helen Englar



The WELCA of Grace will be assembling personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief at our May meeting. We will meet May 19, 2014 at the church. We will put collection boxes in the Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces for donations from the congregation. We also welcome monetary donations from the congregation if anyone prefers to help in that way. Envelopes can be placed in offering plates.

We need the following items for the health kits:

- Two bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original packaging
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the nail file)

Please have all donations in by May 11.

Church Women United

by Helen Englar

May Friendship Day will be celebrated on Thursday, May 22 at St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Silver Run. The theme for this Celebration is "Through God Our Hands Can Serve." The speaker will be Brenda Meadows who is the Executive Director of Shepherd's Staff. Registration will begin at 9:30 am followed by the program at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$7 per person. Please call Wilda Dell (410-756-5482) by May 16 if you plan to attend. Two offerings will be taken during this program – the regular offering and the special offering of pennies for the Fellowship of Least Coin.

Each person is asked to bring an item for the Blessings Closet for Shepherd's Staff. The following suggestions are items that are in constant demand at Shepherd's Staff: Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Hand Lotion, Laundry Detergent, Diapers, Pull Ups, Baby Powder, Baby Shampoo, Baby Lotion.

There are still a few tickets available for "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster on Wednesday, May 22. If you know of someone who would like to go, contact Mary Jane Graf at 410-374-4478 for additional information.

Westminster Cluster Meeting

by Helen Englar

The Westminster Cluster Meeting of WELCA will be held on May 5, 2014 at 6:00 pm at St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Silver Run, MD. The speaker will be Amy Livingston on "Foreign Adoptions." Call Peggy Green at 410-857-5670 if you plan to attend.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

T.E.C.T. is BACK!!!!!!

6th-12th graders we will pick up our twice monthly T.E.C.T. meetings on **Wednesday, May 7 from 7-8:30!** Don't miss out on this great opportunity to come together for games, Bible study, and fellowship! It is a great time and friends are always welcome! The more the merrier!



Books & Brew Returns!



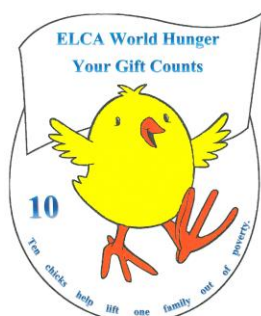
We took a break for Lent but we're back! Young adults age 21-35 join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday beginning **May 14 at Johansson's in Westminster from 7-8:30** for Bible Study! We will be going through a study by Christianity Today on the Apostles and Nicene Creed. If you would like to join us at 6pm to eat before we begin you are welcome to do so! Please remember to bring cash to cover your meal! Questions? Text Leanne Elliott [610] 733-6354.

T.E.C.T. Summer BBQ!

After such a long winter we want to get out and enjoy this beautiful weather we are finally having! The Bowman's are opening up their house [2261 Doctor Stitely Rd, New Windsor] for our Summer BBQ! Join us for a cookout and games on **Saturday May 31 from 6-10pm!** We are asking that you bring a side dish or dessert to share and \$5 to help cover the cost of food! Don't forget a flashlight for our traditional game of flashlight tag! RSVP by signing up on the RCR card at worship or text/email Leanne by May 25! You will need to arrange your own ride to and from the Bowman's house. If you need help arranging carpool please talk with Leanne.



The Power of "Chicks"



Participants in the Lenten Soup Suppers contributed money to purchase 'chicks' through ELCA World Hunger. A chick costs \$1 and 10 chicks can help a family rise above poverty! We raised \$1,160 which means we helped 116 families!! When you see the chicks in the Upper Gathering Space, please say a prayer for those people whom we have helped! Thank you to all who contributed. And a very special thank you to the many people who made soup, bread and desserts for our meals. Your contribution of time and materials made these gifts possible.

Summer Worship Schedule

Throughout May and on the first weekend of June, we will maintain our normal schedule. Worship Services will be held on Saturday at 5:00 and on Sunday at 7:45, 9:00, and 11:15. Education Hour includes classes for all ages at 10:15 a.m.

Memorial Day weekend (May 24-25) – All worship services will be held at their normal times. There will be no Education Hour.

June 7 & 8 – Pentecost and Confirmation will be celebrated with worship services at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and **10:00 a.m. All Grace Service** on Sunday.

June 14-15 through August 30-31, 2014: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:45, 9:00, & **10:30** a.m.
No Education Hour



Mark Your Calendar – Quiet Evening



The next Quiet Evening will be held on Friday, June 6 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Give yourself the gift of quiet and listen for the stirring of the Holy Spirit!! Walk the labyrinth in Grace Hall or enjoy the beauty of our Sanctuary. You will leave refreshed!

Adult Education – What would you like to learn? What would you like to teach?

Each year, the Adult Education Committee holds a brain storming session in preparation for the next school year. We've had some great ideas come from these sessions, including Quiet Nights, Food and Faith Dinners, and The Artist's Way class. What might the Holy Spirit have in store for us next???

YOU are invited to participate in this year's brain storming session on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor (next to Pastor Martha's office). Our congregation offers many options for adults to continue learning and growing, but we are always open to new ideas. We'd love to have you join us to share ideas and talk about adult education at Grace.

May Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar

Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 19 from 2-7:30 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.

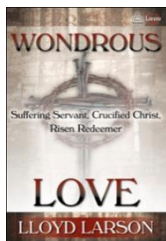


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Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development



A special thank you goes out to all the members of the Chancel, Festival, and Luther Choirs, with soloists, narrators, and Akaloo Kids, for their outstanding performance of the Easter cantata *Wondrous Love*, by Lloyd Larson, at the 10:00 am All Grace Worship Service on April 27. What more special way to celebrate the risen Christ than by a church-wide, multi-generational choral music performance with narration. It gives me great joy to witness the entire church come together for events like this! He is risen indeed; Alleluia!

Choir Member Spotlight

- We would like to congratulate Luther Choir members, Jeremiah Carter and Grace Lichtfuss, for being selected for the Elementary Eisteddfod Honor Chorus Festival held in April. They were chosen by their vocal music teachers after auditioning at school. Congrats again Jeremiah and Grace!
- Luther Choir members Lainey Oddis, Sean Burke, and Jeremiah Carter will participate in the Friendship Valley Elementary School Band and Chorus concert on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 pm.
- Luther Choir Assistant Dustin Oddis plays the saxophone in the West Middle School Band. Their concert is on Tuesday, May 27 at Westminster High School at 7:00 pm.
- Luther Choir member Grace Lichtfuss will participate in the school musical, *Snow White*, at Cranberry Station Elementary on Friday, May 16 at 7:00 pm. She also participated in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade with her school chorus in April.
- Organist Ted Dix and Chancel Choir members Deborah Brennan, Elaine Conover, Shirley Hoff, Faye Koerner, and James Lightner will be performing the Mozart 'Requiem' as part of the Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County Spring 2014 Concert. The performance will be held in (Big) Baker Memorial Chapel on the campus of McDaniel College on Sunday, May 18 at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Sunday, May 11 at 9:00 am – Luther Choir will be providing special music at the Mothers' Day worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, May 18 at 9:00 am – Agape Handbell Choir will be providing special music at the Contemporary Worship service in Grace Hall.





Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Spring greetings finally,

Word has reached me about all the peeps you've purchased. Last count was 1160 resulting in 116 families that can lift themselves up and be self-supportive in their community. I don't know where that idea came from but that is great. Has anybody looked at the ark lately? Many of the same folks providing those animals are the ones supplying the peeps. Wouldn't that be sweet if the ark could be filled this year also, and not just with peeps?

The season, thus far, has been hard on migrating birds like robins. They depend on left over berries, bugs and those early worms moving about. It is often hard for me to get out of the mud for the coming season, but a wet slippery worm, forget it, they'd freeze; sorry robins. Some people migrate thinking things will be better for them in a new location. You've experienced that right there in Westminster. How many new faces do you see on the streets or at the meals prepared at Grace each week? If you haven't witnessed one, you should try and attend if only to help with the meal or closing up afterwards. Try and think now about those peoples moving about life as refugees looking for something better than what they had. This isn't something new. It has happened after crop failures, droughts, genocide, and those unforgettable wars, like WWII and such. Some governments come to aid these displaced groups while others turn their backs as if they either don't exist or the problem is theirs, meaning those displaced, or someone else's.

How are those prayers coming for the TGC, remember I talked about the "The Greater Cause" last month. Are there any new ideas or insights as to how you could help and help others at the same time? I'm not kidding here. Or, maybe how you could help the others in some other way? Most needy individuals and families don't have the resources we have. What do you have to lose, a little time, a little money that you won't miss in the long run? Did you notice I didn't mention the shell off your back?

Take care and I mean it,

Timmy

Personal Notes

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Lorraine Muse (member of Grace and mother of Ginny Schoenberger) – March 25, 2014

Family of JoAnn Beaver (grandmother of Leanne Elliott) – March 28, 2014

Family of Sandy Bowman (mother of Will Bowman) – April 1, 2014

Family of Robert Brown (brother of Charlotte Ludwig) – April 2, 2014

Family of Mary Krempin (member of Grace and wife of Ken Krempin) – April 6, 2014

Family of Muriel Crompton (grandmother of Rich Schuster and Carrie Oddis) – April 24, 2014



Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director



After a long, snowy and cold winter, the last month of school is here. We are looking for warmer weather and a chance to be outside consistently in May! We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and fun summer. Our best wishes to our pre-K students as they head off to kindergarten. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school in September.

Mother's Day Tea

Our pre-K four-year old classes will be having their Mother's Day Teas on May 7 and 9. The children plan on baking cookies for their mothers. They will also be singing a few songs.

Teacher Appreciation

Our parents are planning a special week for the staff at LFOG. Dr. Seuss is the theme and there should be some fun on May 7 as we have Wacky Wednesday. We will have a luncheon on May 8 to finish the celebration. We are blessed with wonderful families!

End of the Year Parties and Graduation

May 19-23 will be the last week of school for the students at Little Friends. We have end of the year activities planned for each age. The two-year olds will have a picnic at Dutterer's Park with their families. Our three-year olds will be singing songs at Deer Park Community Park. The pre-K four-year old classes will be participating in their graduation ceremonies followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Registration

We are still accepting registrations for the 2014/2015 school year. We have openings in most of our classes. Please call Anita in the preschool office if you would like more information.

Farewell and best wishes

Vicki Guenther, the administrative assistant at Little Friends of Grace is retiring at the end of the current school year. Vicki has worked at Little Friends for the past eleven years, first as a teacher's assistant and currently she wears many hats. For the past eight years she has been Anita's assistant in the office, classroom substitute, supply and snack shopper as well as doing many other jobs. Vicki hopes to do some traveling with her husband David in their retirement. We wish her well but she will definitely be missed!

Thank you

The staff at Little Friends would like to thank the Grace Lutheran congregation for all of their support this past year from collecting soup labels, purchasing tickets for our fundraisers, dining out with us and supporting our Silent Auction. We are very grateful to be a part of this wonderful church.

Vicar Karin's Ordination

Vicar Karin Albaugh, who served her seminary internship with us in 2012-2013, has been called to serve as Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Frederick. She will be ordained along with several other people on Saturday, May 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore (701 S. Charles Street). All are welcome to attend. Greetings can be sent to Pastor Karin at Bethel Lutheran Church, 9664 O'Possumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702-2056.



Financial Report for March, 2014

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

	<u>MARCH 2014</u>	<u>JAN/MARCH 2014</u>
Income		
General Giving Income	\$ 68,807.54	\$164,870.53
Debt Reduction Income	18,551.00	40,738.50
Other Income	<u>24,110.61</u>	<u>73,027.30</u>
Total Income	\$111,469.15	\$278,636.33
Expenditures		
General Expenses	\$ 82,245.75	\$257,490.27
Improvements/Cap. Exp.	678.46	678.46
Debt Reduction	<u>10,952.55</u>	<u>32,857.65</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 93,876.76	\$291,026.38
Net Income/Loss	\$ 17,592.39	(\$ 12,390.05)



The income for March exceeded our expenditures. Hopefully we can keep this up for the remainder of the year. So far in April we have gotten an additional gift of \$1,530 for debt reduction. We also have, as of April 21, 2014, received additional gifts of \$2,625 for the roof repairs. These additional gifts help us with these special projects. They are very important as we begin the roof repairs, renovations to the Sanctuary, and boiler replacement. It is very important as we enter into the summer months, that our contributions continue. Giving cannot stop just because you go on vacation.

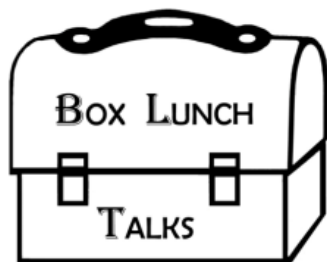
"But just as you excel in everything ... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

In His Service,

F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

Historical Society Box Lunches

The Historical Society of Carroll County (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, May 13. The May topic will be "How much do you know about McDaniel College?" McDaniel College will soon celebrate its sesquicentennial. College Historian James Lightner will look at the 147 years of the College's development from its founding in 1867 to the present day. The focus will be on the personalities who contributed their time and talents to its formation and on-going success.



Participating is inexpensive and easy! Parking is free on the Carroll Street parking lot. **Please enter the building through Entrance #2 (double glass doors) on Carroll Street.** 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.

May Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 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 Personnel Committee Meeting (107)
 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, MAY 2, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 5:00 pm Confirmation Faith Statement Retreat (Hashawha)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

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

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 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)

MONDAY, MAY 5, 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)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107/108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm DE-MD Synod Leadership Event (GH, FH, T)
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)
 7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014

10:00 am LFOG Mother's Day Tea (S, FH, T)
 12:00 pm LFOG Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (GH)
 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, MAY 8, 2014

9:00 am Westminster Lutheran Pastors Conference (FH, T)
 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)

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 10:00 am LFOG Mother's Day Tea (S, FH, T)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014

11:30 am Eagle Scout Court of Honor (GH, FH, T, UGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Contemporary Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 12, 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)

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talks (GH)
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014

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

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 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)

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014

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

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014

9:00 am County Fire Dept. Conv. Memorial Service (GH, FH, T)
 10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Contemporary Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 12:15 pm Annual Congregation Informational Meeting (S)
 1:00 pm South of the Border Lunch/Celebration (FH, 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

May Calendar of Events (continued)

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm 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, MAY 20, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study (CLV)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 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, MAY 22, 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, MAY 23, 2014

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

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2014

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Contemporary Praise Worship (GH)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2014**MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (LGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner & Song (FH)
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 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 Personnel Committee Meeting (107)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014

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

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014

7:00 am Shepherd's Staff Parking Lot Sale (Carroll Street Lot)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)



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

Lent 2014 at Grace

What a great Lenten season we had here at Grace! So many people got involved in worship, fellowship, and learning opportunities. All these events were appreciated by the many people who participated. A special thank you goes out to those who helped to lead our worship services. They included:

Portraying Biblical characters: Bob Lichtfuss, leader (yes, every week!), LeeAnn Biggs, Brian Sherfey, Don Hodges, Kathy Rehak, Dave Cox, Bill Fourhman, Charlie Beckhardt, and Sharon Deardorff. All of these folks were recruited and coordinated by Karen Ganjon.

Witnessing to how faith impacts our lives today: Carol Arbaugh, "Patt" Patterson Jones, David Morrow, Andy Myers, and Kelly Conover Zavandro

Reading Scriptures: Rich Schuster, Amelia Dowling, Kayla Sherfey, Adam Fairchild, Kara Schuster

Providing special music: The Chancel Choir, The Luther Choir, and the Agape Bell Choir all under the leadership of Ted Dix

Providing wonderful soup suppers: Evangelism Committee, Traditional Worship and Music Committee and the Chancel Choir, Social Ministry Committee, Congregation Council, Property and Fellowship Committees

And again, thank you to everyone who financially supported the Lenten Soup Suppers. All of the soup, bread and dessert makers donated their time and materials so that all of the offerings received went directly to ELCA World Hunger. We collected \$1,160 which will buy 1,160 little chickens to help 116 families!! Thank you, one and all!!!!

May Worship Leaders & Assistants

MAY 3-4, 2014

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

7:45 a.m. – Dena Hodges

9:00 a.m. – Pete Tabatsko

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

Ushers: Perry Cowl, Nancy Taylor, Don Ludwig, John Yarish

11:15 a.m. – Rich Schuster

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

MAY 10-11, 2014

5:00 p.m. – Kay Betz, **Reader:** Laura Miller

7:45 a.m. – Karen Ganjon

9:00 a.m. – Joette Campanello

Communion Assistants: Chad Plendl, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp

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

11:15 a.m. – Florence Tucker

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

MAY 17-18

5:00 p.m. – Laura Heller

7:45 a.m. – Pat Goldberg

9:00 a.m. – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Kim Eckenrode, Sue Roach, Janet Bowersox, Murph Murphy, JoAnn Murphy

Ushers: Jocelyn Spreitzer, Bob Spreitzer, Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild

11:15 a.m. – Christian Schneider, **Reader:** Karen Ganjon

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

MAY 24-25

5:00 p.m. – Lisa Turner, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

7:45 a.m. – Leonard Cherry

9:00 a.m. – Jamie Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Erin Sherlock, Pete Morano, Dotti Morano, Stacey Tanzey, Mark Tanzey, Ron Fairchild

Ushers: Tammy Lowman, Chuck Lowman, Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes

11:15 a.m. – Anna Tschiegg

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

MAY 31-JUNE 1

5:00 p.m. – Yvonne Aasen, **Reader:** Sharon Glass

7:45 a.m. – Evelyn Babylon

9:00 a.m. – Paul Whitson

Communion Assistants: Bill Comegna, Sandra Harrison, Laura Heller, Donna Kent, Leanne Elliott

Ushers: John Yarish, Don Ludwig, Ron Fairchild, Gary Ganjon

11:15 a.m. – Charlie Beckhardt

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



MAY

SANCTUARY AND
GRACE HALL –

Jim Helm
Donna Helm

May Birthdays

May 1

Plunkert, Charles
Wright, Julie

May 2

Arbaugh, Robert
Barnes, Carolyn
Engle, Joseph
Keys, Beth
Koerner, Faye
Schaeffer, Jacob
Waltz, Charlotte

May 3

Allred, Joe
Fendlay, Robin
Ludwig, Bonnie
Wiles, James

May 4

Beckhardt, Charlie
Button, Taylor
Ensor, Samuel
Zavandro, Kelly

May 5

Frazier, Tyler
Gosaguio, Liliana
Hirt, Mindy
Johnson, Cherie
Leppo, Daisy

May 6

Borleis, Audrey
Deardorff, Sharon
Fieni, Frank
Kuawogai, Vivian
Meyers, Kimberly
Snyder, Tyler

May 7

Biggs, LeeAnn
Ganjon, Karen
O'Connor, Shane
Oddis, Lainey
Sexton, Kayla
Weidman, Steven
Zavandro, Trey

May 8

Buhrman, Harriet
Comegna, Becky
Crews, Steve
Dull, Brandon
Myers, Diana

May 9

Dietz, Tony
Fernandez, Thomas
Fernandez, Robert
Fernandez, Steven
Martin, Gloria
Rivera-Hand, Kaylee

May 10

Nixon, Justin
Snyder, Jane
Thomas, John
Wimmer, Trevor
Wright, Phillip

May 11

Bridgeman, Robin
Jones, Jonathan
Main, Terry
Warner, Donald

May 12

Kurland, Jaime
Luesse, Erika
Senseney, Ruth
Stiles, Laura

May 13

Bachtel, Randy
Evans, Patsy
Wardenfelt, Richard
Wiles, Helen

May 14

Becker, Esther
Brynes, Pat
Kessler, Andrew
Loscomb, Kristen
O'Connor, Kaitlyn

May 15

Burk, Abby
Cockley, Andrew
Jacobson, Elizabeth

May 16

Herman, Oliva
Smith, Cody
Strevig, Disa

May 17

Arbaugh, Mel
Cox, Garrett
Hundertmark, Corilla
Leppo, Kelsea
Nixon, Mary

May 18

Baltzell, E. Lee
Hirt, Gertrude
Shimoda, Adam
Smith, Mason

May 19

Crown, Charles
DeCosmo, Jimmy
Leppo, Evelyn
Lienhard, Anna
Selby, Kevyn
Selby, Kyle

May 20

Ausmus, Colton
Becker, Valerie
Bowersox, Michael
Culver, Gabrielle
DeRita, Renee
Sherlock, Erin
Ways, Chandler

May 21

Balls, Donna
Gressieux, Bryan
Gressieux, Russ
Grigg, Faith
Spears, Ryan
Spreitzer, Cade
Zielske, Carly

May 22

Carpenter, Jameson
Dixon, Chase
Dull, Eleanor
Snyder, Carson

May 23

Fourhman, Marion
Moreland, Lucy
Pace, Kathleen

May 24

Bream, Robert
Crowl, Caitlin
McCloskey, Rosemary
Norris, Dennis
Sharkey, Stanley
Weisgerber, Martha
Weishaar, Kenneth

May 25

Sexton, Heather

May 26

Clements, Barbara
Forman, Lynn
Jacobson, Liam
Shrader, Jennifer

May 27

Sluder, Charles
Tschiegg, Kathy
Wiles, Jason

May 28

Brynes, Lauren
Fletcher, Dale
Staub, Rachel

May 29

Dull, Larry
Lienhard, Laura
Simonette, Gary
Stanton, Sam

May 30

Dorsey, Ben
Meador, Cadence

May 31

Benton, Danny
Eppler, Emma
Landy, Ryan
Meehan, Terry



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, Trudy Hirt, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Donald and Nancy Michael, Ilona Ries, Ellen Terry

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Kelly Allen, Gladys Bauerline, Morgan Benner, Avery Benner, Brian Bowersox, Judy Bruchey, Octavia Butler, Mike Button, Lou Chappell, Janet Clingan, Joseph P. Crone, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Al Doermann, Elaine Everett, Peggy Fogle, Ken Gist, Dick Haines, Anne and Dee Hood, Gunther Hof, The Ireland Family, Pat Kennedy, Philip Kirk, Michael Landy, Diane Lawson, Evelyn Leppo, Jill Levin, Sandy & Walter Long, Craig Oliver, Rick Pettit, Kayla Rockwell, The Rogge Family, Sally Kaye Sawyer, Francis Stielper, Sr., 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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