



Grace  
Lutheran

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17, 2014

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**5:00 pm** – Saturday in the **Theater**

**7:45 am** – Sunday in the **Theater**

**9:00 am** – Sunday in **Grace Hall**

**10:30 am** – Sunday in the **Grace Hall**

## 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.

## Pictorial Directory Portraits – Sign Up Now!!

Grace is inviting all members and friends to be a part of this directory. Please sign up **TODAY** in the **Upper Gathering Space** for your **FREE** Photo Session and 8 X 10 portrait. Photo sessions will be held **September 23 through September 30**. Additional purchased portraits will be here in time for Christmas!



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## Rally Day “Minute to Win It” Sunday, September 7 after 10:00 am All Grace



This year Rally Day will be filled with Minute to Win It games as well as fun activities during lunch...you won't want to miss it! We will be introducing the Sunday school teachers, ALL Sunday school classes, our NEW AND EXCITING curriculum, the committees of Grace, and upcoming events happening at Grace! All of this will be followed by a potluck lunch hosted by the Fellowship Committee and some more games and activities! You won't want to miss out!

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## Rally Day “Minute to Win It” Sign-Up’s

We need your help to make Rally Day really fun!! Please sign up to play in our Minute to Win It contests. Sign up on the RCR card if you would like to volunteer! We need contestants of all ages.



**Help Needed to Assemble School Kits  
Monday, August 18**



Women of the ELCA will be making school kits on Monday, August 18 at 1:30 in the Library. A few extra hands would be very helpful. If you can help, please stop by! Your presence will be appreciated. It usually takes about an hour and a half to complete the task.

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**New Members/Sponsors Picnic**



Recent New Members and their sponsors: please RSVP to [sheilablaw@comcast.net](mailto:sheilablaw@comcast.net) or to the church office about the picnic on August 21, 2014 at 6 pm. We hope you can join us at the pavilion at Trinity Lutheran Church (in case of rain at Grace), and we look forward to seeing you there.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Weekend Away – October 3-5, 2014  
Son & Sand Retreat Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland**



***Stop at the Registration Table in the Upper Gathering Space!!***

**Cost:** \$55.00 for Upper Bunk OR \$75.00 for Lower Bunk  
Plus the cost of your own meals (Lunch, Dinner, Lunch)

Participants are invited to read, "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor in preparation for the retreat. Cost at Grace: \$9.00

**Theme of Bible Study led by Pastor Martha: "Connecting with God Everyday"**

**Schedule:** Friday, October 3 – Arrive in Ocean City 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 5 – We will worship together at 11:00 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church;  
Lunch is optional before the drive home.

**Please join your sisters in Christ for a weekend of refreshment and renewal.  
It really is a great weekend!!!**

*(Please note: The retreat facility is physically accessible, but the activities will require doing steps and walking some distances.)*

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**Blessing of the Backpacks and All Those Returning to School**

It's that time of year...the first day of school is quickly approaching! But we don't want you to start your year off without first having your backpack blessed! Students of all ages are invited to bring your backpack to church on Sunday August 24 to receive a blessing during our worship services next week. This year, we are going to add an extra dimension and all who work in schools will be blessed as well. There will be a special gift for each and every one.



## FreeRide-Middle School Synod Retreat



6-8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join me at the NorthBay Retreat Center in North East, Maryland **October 17-19 2014!** The cost is \$170 per person and includes your activities, meals, lodging, and t-shirt! This is a great weekend for middle school youth from all over the Delaware-Maryland Synod to get together and enjoy great music, games, and fellowship so you won't want to miss it! **Your \$100 deposit and registration form are due to Leanne Elliott by September 14.** Financial assistance is available – please see Leanne Elliott. Registration forms can be found in the mailing or on the Grace website ([www.gracelc.org](http://www.gracelc.org)) under Downloadable Resources.

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## Stephen Ministry



Did you know Grace is a Stephen Ministry congregation? Stephen Ministry is a system for training laypeople to do caring ministry.

Those training for Stephen Ministry will learn skills and develop their talents for bringing Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, hurting, or experiencing other stresses in life. The Stephen Ministers grow greatly as they learn about helping others—and they learn about themselves. Through lecture, discussion, and experiential learning, people learn everything they need for this caring ministry—how to be an effective listener, specific techniques for ministering to grieving people, and more.

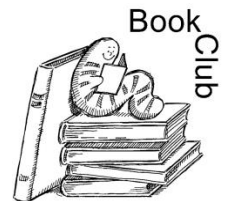
Our congregation will reap many blessings through our involvement in this ministry of care. As the hurting members of our congregation grow stronger through this caring ministry, the whole church is built up and made stronger. And, of course, we all can have the knowledge that when the pains of life come our way, someone will always be there, ready to care for us, to bring God's love to us in a special, personal way.

Perhaps God is calling you to be one of these caring, committed servants who offer Christ's love to those who are hurting. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister at Grace, contact one of the pastors or the church office.

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## Thursday Evening Book Club

The Thursday Evening Book Club will begin to meet again on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. We will gather in the Lower Gathering Space. Book Club will meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 through November 13.



The book will be "*Bread and Wine: A Love Letter to Life Around the Table with Recipes.*" Author Shauna Niequist writes, "This is a collection of essays about family, friendships and the meals that bring us together. It's about the ways God teaches and nourishes us as we nourish the people around us, and about hunger, both physical and otherwise, and the connections between the two."

Pastor Martha has hard back copies available for \$11 each. The book can be purchased on Kindle for \$7.99. If you plan to participate in the Book Club this fall, please register through the RCR card at worship. New readers are always welcome!!!



**Grace Lutheran Tail Gate Party!!!**



Mark your calendar now for Saturday, September 27 at 6:00. Grace will host the second annual Tail Gate. Participants are encouraged to wear their jerseys and t-shirts from their favorite teams and to bring a side dish to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided and grilled by the Fellowship Committee. Last year, we were forced indoors by the weather, but we still had a great time. This year, we are praying for great weather. Please plan to attend!!

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**Gettysburg Seminary Weekend**

The Lutheran Theological Seminary invites you to attend "The Weekend" on September 19-21, 2014. This weekend will provide a discernment experience to explore how God can use your unique gifts to serve the church and the world. Register online by September 5 at [www.Ltsg.edu/theweekend](http://www.Ltsg.edu/theweekend).

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**Preschool Registrations**

preschool registration



Little Friends of Grace is accepting registrations for the 2014/2015 school year. If you or someone you know is looking for a quality preschool, please contact Anita Erb at 410-848-7020, ext. 113.

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**Landfill Coupons**

Landfill Coupons, received in our property tax bills, can be donated to Grace if you do not need it yourself. We really appreciate these donations because it saves the church quite a bit of money over the year. Please put them in the church office mailbox in the Mail Room. THANK YOU!!!!



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**We Need Your Pictures for the Pictorial Directory**



Do you have any pictures that we might be interested in using in the new directory? We are looking for pictures from the past few years that include, but not limited to, group photos, pictures from events you've attended, or anything that shows how we carry out the ministries of Grace. Please send your digital photos (preferred) to Sheilah at [skeefers@gracelc.org](mailto:skeefers@gracelc.org) as soon as possible for potential use in the directory.

## DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Preacher:** Pastor Martha Clementson

**August Altar Guild:** Barbara Croft and Jean Yeakel (S),  
Nancy Suder (GH)

**Worship Assistants: (5:00)** Carol Ann Bauman, Arthur Pease,  
**(7:45)** Caroline Babylon, **(9:00)** Craig Giles, **(10:30)** Kara Schuster

**Communion Assistants: (9:00)** Leanne Elliott, Tammy Lowman,  
Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Sue Roach

**Ushers: (9:00)** Jan Mickey, Bob Spreitzer, Jocelyn Spreitzer,  
Linwood Van Horn

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK (August 23-24, 2014):**

**Worship Assistants: (5:00)** Laura Heller, **(7:45)** Karen Ganjon,  
**(9:00)** Sharon Glass, **(10:30)** Charlie Beckhardt

**Communion Assistants: (9:00)** Kim Eckenrode, Erin Sherlock,  
Mark Tanzey, Stacey Tanzey, Janet Bowersox

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

### **DAILY READINGS**

Sun (17) Matthew 15:21-28  
Mon (18) 1 Corinthians 6:1-11  
Tues (19) 2 Corinthians 10:12-18  
Weds (20) Matthew 16:5-12  
Thurs (21) Isaiah 51:1-6  
Fri (22) Psalm 138  
Sat (23) Romans 12:1-8  
Sun (24) Matthew 16:13-20



The flowers in **Grace Hall** are in loving memory of Charlotte and Lee Smith,  
and Stewart Myers by Gail and Don Myers.

**August 9-10, 2014 Attendance – (5:00) 18 (7:45) 27 (9:00) 168 (10:30) 54 (TOTAL) 267**



### ***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, Trudy Hirt, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Iona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ellen Terry

**Continuing Prayers:** Charles Adams, Kelly Allen, Brian Bowersox, Gordon Caples, Lou Chappel, Kelly Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Peggy Fogle, Barbara Gordon, Hattie Helm, Joseph Hodgkins, Cathy James, Lanny Kessler, Philip Kirk, Nikki Lemmerman, Sandy & Walter Long, Linda Meil, Naomi Myers, Vivian Myers, Kayla Rockwell, Dottie Whitson, Jessica Young

**Seminarians:** Beth Clementson and Don Myers

**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.*



## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### Sunday, August 17

7:45 am Traditional Worship (T)  
9:00 am Contemporary Praise Worship (GH)  
10:30 am Traditional Worship (GH)  
11:30 am Summer Cookies & Beverage (UGS)  
2:00 pm Boomers Crab Fest (Babylon Home)

Cookies & Beverage



### Monday, August 18

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting – Assemble School Kits (Library)  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

### Tuesday, August 19

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

### Wednesday, August 20

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)  
6:00 pm Children's Chorus Parent Orientation (FH, T, UGS)  
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)  
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

### Thursday, August 21

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)  
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
6:00 pm New Member/Sponsors Picnic (Trinity Lutheran/Deer Park)  
7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)  
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)  
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)



### Friday, August 23

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

### Saturday, August 24

9:00 am Red Cross Adult/Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED (108)  
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (T)

### Sunday, August 25

7:45 am Traditional Worship (T)  
9:00 am Contemporary Praise Worship (GH)  
10:30 am Traditional Worship (GH)

### Mark Your Calendar!

**August 24** – 9:00 a.m. Blessing of Backpacks

**August 30 -31** – Last weekend of Summer Schedule

**September 6-7** – Rally Day Weekend  
– All Grace Worship 10:00 a.m. and Rally Day Festivities

**September 13-14** – Worship Services resume in the Sanctuary

**September 14** – 3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Rededication Worship Service

(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

### Rally Day – September 7, 2014

10:00 am – All Grace  
Followed by Fun for All Ages  
and Pot Luck Lunch

