



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10, 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.

We welcome Maggie Langdon this weekend and we thank you for providing musical leadership while Ted Dix is on vacation.

Grace Boomers Crab Fest

The annual summer gathering of the Grace Boomers will be held next Sunday, August 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Evelyn Babylon. Enjoy all the crabs you can eat while meeting new friends and catching up with "old friends." The cost this year is \$20.00 per person. Participants are asked to bring beverages, a side dish or dessert, to share.



Today is the last day to sign up and we are almost at capacity, so if you plan to attend, sign the RCR card today.

2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering: Rise Up



Students (entering 9th-12th grade in the fall of 2014) are you interested in going to the **National Youth Gathering in Detroit, MI?! The trip will be July 14-19, 2015!** The cost, information, deadlines, and commitment contract can all be found in the mailing. Please see Leanne Elliott if you did not receive a mailing! **Your deposit and commitment contract is due this Sunday!**

Pictorial Directory Portraits Coming Soon!

The wait is over, our new pictorial directory is coming and we NEED YOU for it to be complete! Starting next week you can sign up online as well as at church for your FREE photo session and an 8½ x 11 portrait. Look for the sign up table NEXT WEEK! Sessions will be available from **September 23 through September 30**. Directories and optional additional purchased portraits will be here in time for Christmas!!!



2nd 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.)

We need your help.... If you are the last person out of a room, including lavatories or gathering spaces, please turn the lights out. We appreciate your help. Anything we can do to save, is a savings!!!



New Members/Sponsors Picnic



Recent New Members and their sponsors: please RSVP to 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks!

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! So students of all ages are invited to bring your backpack to church on Sunday August 24 to receive a blessing during the 9am service!



Stephen Ministry



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

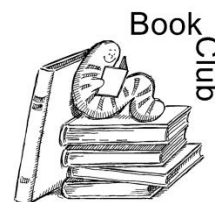
Those training for Stephen Ministry will learn skills and develop their talents for bringing Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, hurting, or experiencing other stresses in life. The Stephen Ministers grow greatly as they learn about helping others—and they learn about themselves. Through 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.

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!!!

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!!!!



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!!

Women of the ELCA



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 are able to help out that day, please contact Helen Englar (410-848-2764) or Pastor Martha. It usually takes about an hour and a half to complete the task.

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.

Carroll Lutheran School

Carroll Lutheran School still has openings for this fall. CLS provides a quality education in a Christian atmosphere for student in Kindergarten to Grade 8. For more details, visit www.carrolllutheranschool.org or call 410-848-1050.



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.

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Pastor Kevin Clementson

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

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Kay Betz, **(7:45)** Evelyn Babylon,
(9:00) Paul Whitson, **(10:30)** Rich Schuster

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Ann Gilbert, Taylor Glass Button,
Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Haley Hoff

Ushers: (9:00) Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges,
Brian Sherfey

SERVING NEXT WEEK (August 16-17, 2014):

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

DAILY READINGS

Sun (10) Matthew 14:22-33

Mon (11) Revelation 15:1-4

Tues (12) Acts 14:19-28

Weds (13) Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thurs (14) Psalm 67

Fri (15) Isaiah 61:7-11

Sat (16) Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Sun (17) Matthew 15:[10-20]21-28



The flowers in the **Theater** are given in honor of our anniversary by Ted and Gretchen Dix.

The flowers in **Grace Hall** are in loving memory of Terry Burk by Don and Gail Myers.

August 2-3, 2014 Attendance – **(5:00)** 38 **(7:45)** 20 **(9:00)** 167 **(10:30)** 60 **(TOTAL)** 285

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

Continuing Prayers: Charles Adams, Kelly Allen, Pastor Dave Bare, Brian Bowersox, Gordon Caples, Lou Chappel, Janet Clingan, Kelly Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Elaine Everett, Peggy Fogle, Barbara Gordon, Hattie Helm, Joseph Hodgkins, Anne and Dee Hood, Philip Kirk, Faye Koerner, Sandy & Walter Long, Linda Meil, Naomi Myers, Vivian Myers, Kayla Rockwell, Dottie Whitson, Jessica Young

Seminarians: Beth Clementson, Laura Heller 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 10

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

Monday, August 11

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, August 12

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talks (GH)
12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
7:00 pm Children's Chorus Parent Orientation (FH, T, UGS)
7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, August 13

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, August 14

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 Finance Committee Meeting (108)
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

Friday, August 15

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

Saturday, August 16

9:00 am Sunday School Teachers Meeting (108)
10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (T)

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



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

Rally Day – September 7, 2014

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



(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