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Deadline for *October*

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September 16. Please email
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dstem@gracelc.org or stop
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Proud but Not Too Proud

I am a conflicted Lutheran... which pretty much means I am as normal as normal can be... for a Lutheran! Here is the source of my current conflict; it is a tradition within Lutheranism to not "toot our own horn." It is prideful and inappropriate to speak too highly of oneself or one's church for that matter. There is a funny axiom that sums it up, "Proud to be a Lutheran; but not too proud." So as a whole we don't go about touting our accomplishments outside of our most immediate circle and then our conversation is about how we can do more and do better at being servants of The Lord.

The problem is that we live in a world of self-promotion. Companies that produce a good product but needs to stand out from the competition must learn to promote their services or product in order to remain viable. Lots of people are good at what they do but the individuals who seem to stand out are the ones who take the time to promote themselves. What is difficult is the fine line between telling your story and becoming an obnoxious bragger; that is the line that must be walked, yet Lutherans have pretty much abandoned this subject perhaps out of fear of coming across as braggarts.

In the last quarter of the twentieth century and into this twenty-first century American Lutherans have chosen to step away from telling our story. We have hidden behind the defense of humility and let others go about defining us. So here is what is said by others about Lutherans:

- They have boring worship and sing old fashion songs that nobody wants to sing.
- They are a dying mainline church.
- Nothing ever happens in a Lutheran Church; they are just a bunch of old people.
- They aren't really Christian.
- They are too liberal! Too conservative!
- They are a church of doctrines and not a church of the Bible.
- Lutherans?

The list can be endless. What is most tragic is that we Lutherans have begun to believe such nonsense and many have left believing that what others are saying is true. The result is a siege mentality among so many who love the Church and more importantly love The Lord but fear that we have indeed fallen behind the times or are simply no longer relevant.

In light of all these misconceptions let me step to that fearful line of promotion versus pride and speak to who we are as Lutherans. First a word of caution; it is not my intention to tear down other traditions or congregations. In an effort to contrast who Lutherans are in comparison it may appear as if I am attacking or denigrating other communities within the Christian community. To my brothers and sisters within the larger community of the Body of Christ; please forgive me.

Lutheranism has always been about the good news (Gospel) of Jesus Christ. We make no apology for interpreting Holy Scripture in light of the revelation of God's love in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our worship, our liturgy, is purposefully designed to incorporate many of the powerful themes and commands of Holy Scripture and purposefully link us to the powerful traditions of the ancient people of God. We embrace the promises of Jesus who declared his presence in the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. I am always thrilled to think that in those simple elements of bread and wine Jesus is present and shared among all who gather. I will not apologize for that powerful moment, nor will I allow others to suggest to me that communion is old fashion or gets in the way of praising The Lord. What greater praise is there than receiving Jesus? To quote an African Spiritual (found in our most recent Hymnbook) "Give me Jesus." And in word and sacrament we do indeed receive Jesus.

To the critics who say nothing happens among the Lutherans, I say let them try and match our track record. I weary of those who brag, "We took a Sunday off from worship and went out to serve in the world, cleaning yards, building fences etc., etc." I reply, we worshiped every Sunday and during a single week we fed over 200 people in need within our building. Do the math; that is over 10,000 meals a year served in this house of The Lord. Not to mention the meals we provide for the cold weather shelter throughout the winter. Let's not forget the many support groups for whom we offer a place to meet. Look across Carroll Street and see the ministry of Shepherd's Staff which serves as a safety net for the most fragile within our community. In partnership with other so call dying mainline churches of Westminster we meet the needs of people in crises. Over the years in Carroll County we have helped to forge alliances that have brought about Timber Ridge, Carroll Lutheran Village, Carroll Lutheran School, Carroll Food Sunday and insured that on no given day of the week need a person in Westminster go hungry.

Beyond the boundaries of our county we have worked within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to proclaim the gospel in developing communities in America and around the world. In the midst of the many conflicts and tragedies happening around the world we are present through our support to the ELCA. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response have enabled our presence to be felt among the refugees of the

Syrian Civil War, the illegal immigrant crisis in our country where we try to assist to bring about positive change within the countries of Central America and still meet the humanitarian needs of unaccompanied children crossing the border into our country. We provided care to the people of New York City after the horror of 9/11 and here is a little known fact: we were the last to leave more than a decade after those horrible events. In the midst of the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa Lutheran doctors and nurses, that we support through our churchwide benevolence are on the frontline to help the sick and dying and to stop the spread of this deadly disease. Several of these brave people who are counted among the Lutheran Community have died in an effort to help others. Storms, floods and tornados occur in our country and Lutherans are among the first to arrive on the scene and long after the press has left and the agencies who grab the public attention have moved on; we stay until the job is done.

Who are Lutherans? We are a servant people who are busy making God's love real and tangible in the world. In the USA our social service agencies form one of the largest networks of ministry meeting the needs of nearly 1 in 50 Americans. We are a people who place great value in caring for others. We are a church that may not be the flashiest in terms of our worship or our websites. We may not have a weekly television show in an arena filled with thousands of people being led in worship by a professional band and paid sound crew, but we are a church that will walk beside the suffering of the world. Our calling is to be the body of Christ in the world and this truth shapes who we are, how we live and even how we worship. There may be others who do an infinitely better job at promoting their image in the world. We Lutherans direct our resources to feeding the hungry, caring for the poor and making the love of Christ real.

Now that I have stepped on this line of promotion versus bragging I think I will stay here for a while and keep telling the story of who we are. I am tired of others trying to define us based on misconceptions and misinformation. I am a proud (but not too proud) Lutheran, a Child of God and a worker in the Kingdom of God. I invite you to also tell this story but more importantly join me in being the servant people... because that is who we are called to be. Amen.

Pastor Kevin



Change

Recently, the Intercessory Prayers included a petition that really spoke to me. It said: "Accompany all those experiencing life transitions: those pursuing new studies; those who are retiring; and those moving to new communities. Give them the courage to embrace change and flourish in their new roles. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer." I was touched by this prayer petition, perhaps because our family is experiencing life changes. We had just helped our daughter, Beth, move to Burke, Virginia where she is doing her seminary internship this year. Having had one of those significant decade birthdays this spring, I've been thinking more about the changing seasons of life. I know that many of the families in our congregation are facing a variety of life changes as well. So, when I heard that prayer petition, it stayed with me.

Change happens to all of us. As much as we might like to avoid change, it comes our way many, many times throughout life. We can either be its victim or we can embrace it. If you choose to embrace it, you ought to ask how through this change your relationship with God might grow and flourish. How can you be even more in God's service? I've found over the years that changes in family life have been times to re-examine how I was spending my time and determine if my commitments were ones that still seemed to be God's call in my life.

In addition to the change that comes our way, change also can be something that we *seek*. When we know we've gone down a path with a bad ending, it is good to stop and turn around! When we feel the Spirit of God moving around us and within us, it is good to pay attention to what God is doing. Are there new spiritual disciplines, new experiences, or new areas of service that would strengthen you and open new doors for your service in God's kingdom?

This time of year tends to bring more changes than other times of the year. We will soon see it in the change of weather, but we can also see it in our own lives if we open ourselves to the movement of God. The Bible says that God never changes...and that means that God's love and justice holds steady and can be counted on. Hebrews 13:8-9 says, "Jesus

Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them." It is God's grace that is unchanging in all of the chapters of our lives. We need to be careful not to allow other things to overshadow the marvelous flow of God's grace.

The Bible also demonstrates that God has often changed the method of reaching out to humanity. The Law, the Prophets, the coming of the Christ Child, the sending of the Holy Spirit and birth of the church are examples of God's continuing efforts to rebuild the relationship with us that was broken by sin. When we think about our own relationship with Christ and our form(s) of worship, learning, and service, it is helpful to pause every once in a while to discover where we are and whether it is time to make a change so that our life in Christ will continue to deepen and flourish.

Here at Grace, we are blessed to have a variety of worship styles, learning opportunities and outreach ministries. As the seasons of the year change, I encourage you to take stock of your own life in Christ. Sometimes change is needed. A new worship setting, meeting people you haven't known before, stepping out to take up a new ministry, are ways in which you might find refreshment and renewed joy.

Through all of the changing seasons, I continue to give thanks to God for the call that God has given to Pastor Kevin and me to serve as partners in ministry with you here at Grace. May all of our efforts be to God's glory.

Pastor Martha

P.S. Speaking of change, I can't wait for all of us to see the beautiful new look of our sanctuary. Please plan to join us on Sunday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m. for the Rededication of the Sanctuary. I know it will be a very significant time for our congregation. I hope you can be there.

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!!!!





Heifer International

As of August 4 2014,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$2,932.29.



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Rededication of the Sanctuary



Rededication of the Sanctuary will take place on Sunday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m. There will be special music and our guest preacher will be the Rev. Wolfgang Herz-Lane, Bishop of the Delaware – Maryland Synod, ELCA. The Worship Service will be followed by light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend this very special worship service in the life of our congregation.

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September 19-21, 2014 (Friday night to Sunday afternoon)

Register online by September 5: www.Ltsg.edu/theweekend

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Fall Fest – Grace Lutheran Booth – September 27-28

by Sheila Law

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a booth at this year's Fall Fest. We are looking for volunteers to help us welcome people for two hour slots on Saturday or Sunday. Please email to sheilablau@comcast.com if you can volunteer. Thanks so much. If you can't help, be sure and stop by our booth to do a craft or play a game.

“Joy to the World”

by Ed Leister



The Carroll County Chapter of Thrivent Financial is sponsoring a trip on Rill's Bus to the Christmas Show at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA on Saturday, December 6, 2014 with a smorgasbord lunch at Bird-in-Hand Restaurant. Trip price is \$75 per person. The bus leaves the County Office Building lot at 8:15am and returns at 5:00pm. Reserve now before both coaches are filled. Please pay by November 1, 2014. Trip is open to all. Contact Becky Leister or Ed Leister at 410-857-1333 to sign up now. Profits from the trip will benefit Carroll Lutheran School.

Confirmation Classes

Young people who have been baptized as infants and small children continue to grow in their faith and relationship to God through Christian teaching and experiences provided by their families as well as by their church. Here at Grace, the "Confirmation Years" are a time dedicated to focused learning about the faith that the church teaches and the ways that we can continue to serve Christ in the world every day. Most often, young people participate in Confirmation Classes while they are in seventh and eighth grade. Learning takes place through classes held on Sunday mornings during the Education Hour, participating regularly in worship services, participating in Servant Events throughout the year and attending three retreats over the two years.

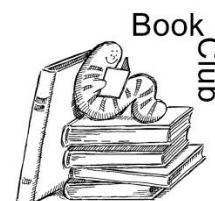
Parents of Seventh Graders or other teens who have not yet participated in Confirmation....please register your son or daughter for Confirmation as soon as possible by sending an email to Pastor Martha at mclementson@gracelc.org. We'd like to have a count of students so that we can order the correct amount of materials. There will be an Orientation for students and parents on Sunday, September 14 during the Education Hour. The first class will be held on September 21.

Parents of Eighth Graders – If your daughter or son has already completed the first year of Confirmation, you do not need to register them. Please plan to attend the Orientation on September 14.

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!!!

September Red Cross Blood Drive

by Emma Jane Weishaar



Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 15 from 2:00 – 7:30 p.m. The drive will be held in Grace Hall. Please contact Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.

Internet Users

By Arthur Pease, Facilities and Technology Manager

Effective now, the password for internet access at Grace Lutheran Church has been changed from snowflakes to individual names for each area. LFOG area is now lfogrooms, Legacy to legacyarea, Upper Gathering Space to upperspace and the Lower Gathering Space to lowerspace. This will be done periodically in order to improve security and maintain the right to use to those for individuals requiring internet access within our complex.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

Rally Day “Minute to Win It”



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! We will also be giving a new Bible in memory of Amanda G. Kent to all students. 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! Watch the Weekly Announcements for more details and sign-ups for the games!

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

Teens Experiencing Christ Together is our middle and high school youth group! We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30 for games, a video, and small group discussion! We will resume our meetings after our summer hiatus on September 17, 2014. Hope to see you there!



FreeRide-Middle School Synod Retreat



All 6-8th 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) under Downloadable Resources.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES **(continued)**

by Leanne Elliott

Demo: Live Like Jesus **Louisville, KY Youth Works 2014**

As Christians we are called to serve. This is a call we often answer by rebuilding homes after a hurricane or some other natural disaster in some poor area that is less fortunate than us. In Louisville, we learned how to Live Like Jesus – humbling ourselves like he did in John 13 when he washed his disciples' feet. We learned that serving does not just mean fixing a home but it is in fact building relationships, loving, listening, and being present with people in the community. Jesus did not always perform extravagant miracles; sometimes he just ate with those he wasn't supposed to. The people of Louisville have forever changed our lives and we are so blessed to have had the opportunity to spend a week being loved by them. Here are some quotes from some of the students who went on the trip. Please talk to any one of them about their trip, as I know they are all eager to share their experience.

Megan Bittner: This mission trip has inspired me to find ways to serve in my own community. I have come to realize that service isn't limited to long trips or complicated work projects.

Shelby Dannenfeldt: This trip has impacted my life because I saw small, underprivileged children from the Salvation Army give so much unconditional love to complete strangers even when their parents cannot show that much love. It has helped me further understand that all kinds of people, young and old, can struggle anywhere, under any circumstance and if we stick together and help those people who are struggling we not only make their journey a little bit easier but also help them overcome their fear of the unknown.

Adam Fairchild: On the mission trip my experience at the Salvation Army had an enormous impact on my ability to help people. Throughout the week I changed from a person who looked at someone in need and made assumptions about that person to someone who when looking at a person in need asks himself "how can I help this person?"

Haley Hoff: I saw God through a woman named Sylvia, who had asked us to pray for her. Instead of going home and praying she wanted us to pray with her and so we prayed with her in the community center and it was such a sweet moment.

Kathryn Lienhard: During our mission trip to Louisville, God brought me to a place where I learned that loving others is sometimes the best gift you can give, and that one small act of kindness can change someone's life forever.

Erin Sherlock: This trip impacted my life by opening up my eyes and making me realize that I am blessed with an amazing life and should stop taking things for granted. This trip has changed my perspective on life.

Tyler Snyder: The way I saw God change my life is by seeing all of the people working hard and helping others. He impacted me on this trip by letting me get closer to him and grow in my faith with him.

Morgan Tyler: The trip has impacted my perspective on everything. It made me thankful for everything I have and it helped me strengthen my relationship with God.

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients

The following persons received Scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year from the Grace Scholarship Fund.

Nathan Dowling (Elizabethtown College)
Maddie Lichtfuss (American University)
Kimberly Meyers (Virginia Tech)
Christian Schneider (Luther College)
Kara Schuster (McDaniel College)
Burke Stanton (DePauw University)



Along with the financial award go the prayers of our congregation. We pray that each of these young adults will have an enjoyable and productive school year.

Thank you to those who served on the Grace Scholarship Committee this year: Leanne Elliott, Milton Engnoth, Amanda Gilbert, JoAnn Murphy, Ruby Rainey, and Pastor Martha.

Scholarship Thank You Letters

The following thank you note was sent to Grace:

Dear Grace Lutheran Church and Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for granting me a scholarship. I appreciate all Grace has done for me and I carry this knowledge with me while furthering my education. I look forward to another year of schooling knowing that I have God's family, especially at Grace, supporting me. Thank you once again. I am truly blessed.

God bless,
Nathan Dowling

Grace Lutheran Tail Gate Party!!!



Mark your calendar now for Saturday, September 27 at 6:00pm. 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!!



Pictorial Directory – We Need You!



The wait is over, our new pictorial directory is coming and we NEED YOU for it to be complete! We are inviting MEMBERS and FRIENDS of Grace to be included in the 2014 directory. Photo sessions will be available from September 23 through September 30. You can sign up by visiting www.gracelc.org and clicking the Portrait Sign-Up link, at church on Sundays in the Upper Gathering Space or by calling Sheilah at the church office 410-848-7020. In addition to your FREE photo session, you will receive a directory and one 8 x 10 portrait. There is also an opportunity to order additional portraits. All directories and portraits will be here in time for Christmas!

Reserve your session soon! By signing up you will get a 20% off coupon. If you bring a non-perishable food item to your photo session you will receive a \$5.00 off coupon from "Feed the Need" AND all seniors get a discount too!

Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

This month's traditional music article begins with sincere thanks to everyone who provided special music at worship this summer. This includes Elaine Conover, James Lightner, Elizabeth Meuse-Cumiskey, Jacob Beckhardt, Burke Stanton, and Anna Tscheigg. I am always overwhelmed by the amount of musical talent right within our church family! Additional thanks go to Maggie Langdon who appeared as guest pianist while I was away on the weekends of June 28-29 and August 9-10.

There are two things to take note of this month. First, all of our choir information has been updated on the website, <http://gracelc.org/>. Under 'About Us' then 'Music Ministry' find a photo and brief description of all of our vocal and instrumental ensembles. Second, I will be contacting all Chancel and Festival Choir members shortly in reference to preparing a special anthem for the September 14 3:00pm Sanctuary Rededication. We will rehearse Thursdays September 4 and 11 at 7:45 in the Music Room.

If you have musical ability, a fine way to contribute to the life of our church would be to join one of our vocal or instrumental ensembles. If you are worried about time commitment know that the Festival Choir normally only meets for about 7 weeks during the Christmas season. The other choirs run more continuously but the commitment can be organized into shorter goals. Please consider being a part of the musical life at Grace!

See you at worship!

Rehearsals are beginning next month!

- Thursday, September 4 at 7:00pm – Chancel Choir begins rehearsing in the Music Room.
- Monday, September 8 at 7:00pm – Agape Handbell Choir begins rehearsing in the Music Room.
- Wednesday, September 10 at 5:45pm – Luther Choir begins rehearsing in the Music Room.



Choir Membership Spotlight

- We congratulate former Luther Choir members Jeremiah Carter and Grace Lichtfuss for being accepted by audition into the Children's Chorus of Carroll County. We can't wait to see and hear them when they appear with the whole chorus at 11:15am worship on November 23 and February 8!

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- Sunday, September 14 at 3:00pm – The Festival and Chancel Choirs will provide special music at the rededication worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, October 26 at 11:15am – The Luther Choir will provide special music at the Reformation Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, November 2 at 11:15am – The Agape Handbell Choir will provide special music at the All Saints' Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, November 23 at 11:15am – The Children's Chorus of Carroll County will provide special music at the Christ the King Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, November 30 at 9:00am – The Agape Handbell Choir will provide special music at the worship service in Grace Hall.
- Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00am – Sixth Annual Ted Dix and Friends Christmas Organ Recital in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 7 at 10:00am – The Luther Choir will provide special music at the All Grace worship service in Grace Hall.
- Sunday, December 14 at 3:00pm – Christmas Program with drama, vocal choirs and soloists, and instrumentalists in the Sanctuary.
- Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00pm – The Luther Choir will provide special music at the Christmas Eve worship service in Grace Hall.
- Wednesday, December 24 at 8:00pm and 10:30pm – The Chancel and Agape Handbell Choirs and soloists will provide special music at the Christmas Eve worship services in the Sanctuary.





Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin



Timmy's Corner

Hello my summer friends,

I do hope the temperatures are keeping you humans mindful of the sun and what too much sun can do. Have you had any cookouts or outings with friends? How about a trip to the beach? Are you eating all those fresh garden delights from local farmers and the sometimes overabundance of tomatoes from your neighbors?

One of my newer friends, Mr. Owl, also called the Professor, starting telling a group of us last week about hunger problems. It seems his mate collects odd things to use as nesting material and there was a piece of newspaper she picked up which told about food shortages. The article was incomplete so he asked if anyone knew anything about it. The group's impression was that there was ample food in the area and for that matter in the country. Someone asked me what I knew and I wound up setting a few of them back on their tail feathers and hind quarters. Everybody thought it only happened in foreign places and not right next door. I told them, "Hunger has no boundaries no matter what you've heard." Some just shook their heads or tried to shake it off. The bottom line I told them is, "Just to try and help where you can." Not just one creature can solve the problem; it has to be done by many pitching in.

Now, about the abundances from summer gardens some of you may have... I don't mean those large expanses like I had to cross to get the marsh, but a smaller single family-size garden. Do you often plant too much and the neighbors are tired of it also? Some families, like those at your church, bring it in to the church kitchen for distribution during the Tuesday lunch or Thursday dinner. No food should go to waste. I often wonder how much food is really needed by each of us to maintain ourselves. I have to admit, I've had to take a nap or two after some over stuffing at some meals. Am I alone on this one? HELLO OUT THERE!

If you don't have a garden with which to share from, here is another way. Take a look at the ELCA web site, www.ELCA.org/hunger/resources. You can gain many new insights by reading and seeing about the concerns for Americans and people in other countries. I'm not asking for myself but for those others that may be your neighbor or someone you just haven't met yet. Please try and help me feed these hungry people.

Till next month, be safe, and wear that sun screen if you don't have feathers or a nice shell to protect you.

Oh yes, this was also found on that scrap of paper and I'll try and have more of it next month.

I've never made a fortune, and I'll never make one now.

But, it really doesn't matter cause I'm happy anyhow.

As I go along my journey, I'm reaping better than I've sowed.

I'm drinking from the saucer cause my cup has overflowed.

Love,

Timmy

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Registration

We continue to accept registrations for the 2014/2015 school year. We currently have 100 children registered. We have limited openings in many of our classes. Please call the preschool office for more information.

Preschool Reopens Soon

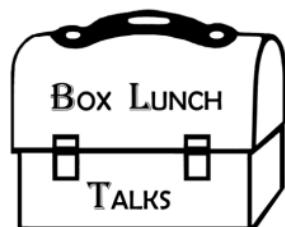
The preschool staff will begin on August 18 with the students returning on September 2. Our preschool hours for the 2014/2015 school year will be 9:00-12:00 with a pre-K four-year old class attending from 9:00-2:00. Orientations will be held on August 27 and 28.

Thank you

Thank you to the members of Grace Lutheran who have supported our mission the past school year in numerous ways such as Thrivent contributions, dining out, silent auction donations and donations to the scholarship fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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 information below is taken directly from the Historical Society's information brochure.)

The September topic will be "Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor." Have you ever tried researching somebody from the generation of the War of 1812? It can be quite a challenge. Rebecca Koford will discuss records both outside and inside of the National Archives. The presentation will include information about the digitization project to put online the pensions of

soldiers from the War of 1812.

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 Historical Society members and \$10 for non-members.

Personal Notes

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Rodney J. Williams, Jr. (husband of Lynn Willams) – June 20, 2014

Family of Michelle Long (daughter of Debra Long) – June 21, 2014

Family of Francis Stielper, Sr. (father of George Stielper) – June 22, 2014

Family of Gunther Hof (husband of Virginia Hof, father of Martin and Kevin Hof) – July 21, 2014

Friends of Helen Corbett – July 22, 2014

Baptized:

7/27/14 – Kennedy Alexis Simmen (daughter of David and Jamie Simmen)



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



Registration is now underway!!

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.)

Quiet Evenings Program 2014-2015

by Sharon Glass

WHAT: "Quiet Evenings: Sanctuary, Reflection, Spiritual Practice" Seasonal Offerings

WHEN: Friday, October 3, 2014, 6:30-8:30 pm

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church, Westminster, Maryland

WHO: Quiet Evenings are for anyone who wants to step away from the busyness of their life and be present with God.

WHY: To listen and respond authentically to God's calling in your life away from life's distractions and interruptions.

"The soul experiences a great happiness when it realizes what it is doing for God's sake." Interior Castle: St. Teresa of Avila

Contemplative practices that include time for reflection, prayer, meditation and silence are known spiritual explorations from the Christian tradition as well as other faith traditions. In past years, we have experienced lectio divina, walking meditation, centering prayer and more. You are invited to join our quiet, praying community as we give ourselves permission to let go of our responsibilities for a few hours, step outside the busyness of life and be present with The Holy in the moment, and listen and respond authentically to God's calling on this spiritual journey. This year's theme is from Psalm 46: Be still and know that I am God. We hope you will join us and experience some "great happiness."

While there is no fee, there will be a basket for a free-will offering.

Other Quiet Evenings will be held on these Fridays – December 5, 2014, March 6 and June 5, 2015.

For more information, call 410-848-7020.

Would you like to help with the worship services at Grace?

The worship services at Grace are the creation of many people being involved both in the planning and carrying out of the services.

Worship Committees: Traditional Music and Worship Committee and Contemporary Worship Committee. Each of these committees works with the pastors and musicians to plan meaningful and dynamic worship services. Each committee meets at least once every several months, more if needed.



Worship Assistants: Worship Assistants work with the pastors at each of the four weekly worship services in leading the worship service. They lead parts of the service, including a Scripture Reading, Creed and Intercessory Prayers. They also help with the distribution of Holy Communion. Worship Assistants are emailed the Scriptures and Prayers the week before they serve. Some of the worship assistants choose to write their own prayers. Depending on the number of volunteers at a particular service, Worship Assistants serve approximately every 5-8 weeks.

Readers: Readers read the Scripture Lesson(s) and at traditional services lead the Psalm. These folks are in addition to the Worship Assistants. We haven't had readers at the 9:00 service, but there is no reason why we cannot do so. How often a person serves also depends on the number of volunteers. The goal would be to give a person a chance to read every couple of months.

Communion Assistants: In order to serve Holy Communion at the 9:00 Worship Service, five people are needed each Sunday in addition to the pastors and worship assistant. These people give out the wafers and wine as well as blessing children who do not yet receive communion.

If you would like to help with the worship services at Grace (and are not already on the schedule), please sign an RCR card at church or email Pastor Martha at mclementson@gracelc.org. All confirmed members and adult friends of the congregation are invited to participate in the leadership of our worship services. We would love to have you join us. If you have questions, please talk with one of the pastors. If you are interested in joining one of the worship committees, please talk with one of the pastors as well. The worship services of a congregation are only as dynamic as the people make them, so please consider stepping forward to contribute to the life of our congregation in this way.

Pot Luck and Song



There are just three Pot Luck and Song events still to be held in 2014: August 27, September 24, and October 22. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and is followed by an informal time of singing some of our favorite hymns. The food, fellowship and music are always good! We aim to wrap up no later than 7:30. If you've never attended, why not give it a try? It's a great way to meet other members and friends of Grace. We hope you will join us.

Carroll Lutheran School Golf Outing

Carroll Lutheran School is planning for its annual golf outing on October 17, 2014, at Piney Branch Golf Club, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun tee-off. The tournament, "Swing for Scholarships," will benefit the scholarship program for students K - grade 8 enrolled at the school based on need.

Sponsorship levels start at \$125 and rise to \$3,500. Many sponsorships come with gratis golfers. Golfer fees are \$125, with an early bird special of \$115 if registered by September 15.

The planning committee consists of Justin Durboraw, Chair, Jim Crew, Andrew Dean, Don Heath, Wade Johansen, Alex Myers, Matt Rickeman, Eric Shadoff, Rev. George Tuttle, Ben Yingling, and Michele Crew. To become a sponsor and/or a golfer for this worthwhile endeavor, contact Justin Durboraw at 410-596-3771 or at myersdurboraw91@verizon.net.



Financial Report for July, 2014

by F. Donald Ludwig, Treasurer

	<u>July 2014</u>	<u>Jan/July 2014</u>
Income		
General Giving Income	\$49,286.20	\$389,880.11
Debt Reduction Income	11,632.00	91,398.50
Other Income	9,948.78	129,336.91
Funds from Money Market (MM)	0.00	76,575.00
Funds to be Transferred from MM	<u>32,667.00</u>	<u>32,667.00</u>
Total Income	\$103,533.98	\$719,857.52
Expenditures		
General Expenses	\$68,938.46	\$588,345.66
Improvements/Cap.Exp.	38,369.20	145,324.52
Debt Reduction	<u>10,952.55</u>	<u>76,667.85</u>
Total Expenses	\$118,260.21	\$810,338.03
Net Income/Loss	\$ (14,726.23)	\$ (90,480.51)



We received \$100,000 from the Estate of Helen Green. Of this total, \$90,000 will go to sanctuary renovations. The remaining \$10,000 will be used for local needs as designated by the Congregational Council. A total of \$13,400 was received for pew cushions. Any overage will be used for sanctuary repairs. It has been great how the congregation has responded to these additional needs.

Through July, however, we are running a substantial deficit. We still have five months to catch up and break even.

"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



September Calendar of Events

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)

5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)

7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)

7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)

7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)

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

7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 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, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

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

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)

10:00 am All Grace Worship – Rally Day (GH)

11:30 am Rally Day Lunch (FH, T)

3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)

7:00 pm Agape Handbell 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, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talks (GH)

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)

5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)

7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)

5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)

7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (L)

6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)

7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (112)

7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (LGS)

7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)

7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

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

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

10:00 am Historical Society Antiques Appraisal Day (GH)

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)

9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)

10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)

10:15 am Confirmation Orientation

11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

3:00 pm Sanctuary Rededication Service (S)

3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)

5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)

7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

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, SEPTEMBER 18, 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, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

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

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

11:30 am Eagle Scout Court of Honor (GH)

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)

9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)

10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)

11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)



(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

September Calendar of Events (continued)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 2:00 pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (UGS)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (UGS)
 7:00 pm Shepherd Staff Board Meeting (108)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

2:00 pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (UGS)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 6:00 pm Pot Luck and Song (FH)
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

2:00 pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (UGS)
 5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (T)
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)
 7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (LGS)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 2:00 pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (UGS)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

10:00 am Pictorial Directory Pictures (UGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (T)
 6:00 pm Tailgate Party (Carroll Street Parking Lot)



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (102, 104, 105, 106, 111, 112)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (101A/101B)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 2:00 pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (UGS)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (LGS)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

(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

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Stephen Ministry

by Michele Krichinsky



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.

September Worship Leaders & Assistants

SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2014 – Rally Day – All Grace

5:00 p.m. – Yvonne Aasen

10:00 a.m. – Pete Tabatsko

Communion Assistants: Donna Kent, Greg Hare, Doris Hare, Anna Tschiegg, Don Meyers

Ushers: Linwood Van Horn, Brian Sherfey, Randy Bachtel, John Yarish



SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2014

5:00 p.m. – Kay Betz

7:45 a.m. – Kathy Bare

9:00 a.m. – Kathy Rehak

Communion Assistants: Sharon Glass, Taylor Glass Button, Junior Zepp, Eileen Zepp, Leanne Elliott

Ushers: Dave Cox, Wyatt Cox, Bill Comegna, Randy Bachtel

11:15 a.m. – Greg Hare

SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2014

5:00 p.m. – Bob Lichtfuss

7:45 a.m. – Caroline Babylon

9:00 a.m. – Jamie Krichinsky

Communion Assistants: Don Meyers, Beth Meyers, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Alyson Guerra

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

11:15 a.m. – Cosette Schneider



SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2014

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

7:45 a.m. – Craig Giles

9:00 a.m. – Ron Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Sandra Harrison, Stacey Tanzey, Jess Tanzey, Chuck Lowman, Bill Comegna

Ushers: Don Hodges, Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Brian Sherfey

11:15 a.m. – Charlie Beckhardt



September Altar Guild

SANCTUARY AND
GRACE HALL –

Jim Helm
Donna Helm

August Birthdays

August 1

Kurland, Robert
Landy, Barbara
Vernon, Kyle

August 2

Lewis, Jennifer
Myers, James
Vogt, Helen

August 3

Baker, Ian
Hadden, Earl
Harper, Tristan
Kramperth, Nathaniel
Leutner, Julia
Morrow, Linda
Rutzebach, Andrea

August 4

Crews, Sarah
Degitz, Doug
Forman, Ben
Hertsch, Gary
Schuster, Kara
Simpkins, Allison

August 5

Hood, Novella

August 6

Canon, Corina
Dorsey, Carol
Hoff, Nicholas
Meinecke, Gregory
Rasnake, Brittany

August 7

Daumant, Linda
Drumgoole, Sue

August 8

Bowersox, Claire
Brynes, Patrick
Cmegna, Bill
Dowling, Stacie
Moore, John

August 9

Davis, Doug
Fieni, Danielle
Gardner, Marisa
Spreitzer, Acton

August 10

Baker, Collin
Conaway, Aspen
Darby, Paul
DeCosmo, Lindsey
Steers, Amanda

August 11

Arbaugh, Angela
Bair, Gloria
Gray, Rebecca
Holmes, Christopher
Meehan, Shane
Rosenberg, Lillian
Schaffer, Debbie
Stonesifer, Denise

August 12

Connelly, Parker
Drechsler, Dorothy
Liebno, Dick
Suder, Joseph

August 13

Hertsch, Joyce
Ludwig, Don
Schaeffer, Bobbye
Schubert, Jerome
Vadder, Michael

August 14

Clements, Richard
Hegg, Alea
Johnson, Andrea

August 15

Nightingale, Darla
Norris, Michaelle
Plendl, Taryn
Rhodes, Lucas

August 16

Gretz, Joanne
Roth, Jennifer
Spears, Jennifer

August 17

Charnley, Theodore
Johnson, Bryan

August 18

Bowersox, Maddison
Gillispie, Howard
Reitz, Gilbert

August 19

Brown, Charles
Cooper, John
Hebden, Zachary
Stoner, Karen

August 20

Blomster, Erik
Daumant, Marie
Green, Amanda
Hoff, Gabriel
Shrader, Michelle
Steinberg, William

August 21

James, Catherine
Wildesen, Justin

August 22

Krichinsky, Jamie
Willet, Jesse

August 23

Crowl, Maddie
Ford, Tom
Morelock, Jessica
Rogge, Joan
Schuchardt, Kasey
Tabatsko, Susan

August 24

Crews, Benjamin
Czarnowsky, Tyler
Duncan, Rose
Smith, Jordan
Utz, Dorothy

August 25

Carbaugh, Jennifer
Marcellino, Anna
Sick, Michele
Simpson, Taylor
Smith, Alexander

August 26

Eckenrode, Mike
Gretz, Connor
Palazzo, Braeden
Wisner, Doris

August 27

Aasen, Yvonne
Brennan, Katie
DeGreif, Kevin
Dowling, Greg
Vadder, Henry
Winterstein, Jeanne
Yingling, Ginny

August 28

Bair, Peggy
Tyler, Ricky
Wimmer, Garrett

August 29

Huffman, Norman
Hypes, Tasha
Lightner, James

August 30

Freiberg, Sabrina
McGrath, Frank
Urban, Amanda

August 31

Gladden, Ally
Myers, Michael



September Birthdays

September 1

Jacobson, Keith
Seipp, Darryl
Smith, Mellody
Smith, Aleah
Wiles, Earl

September 2

Bowers, Jerry
Hirt, Clyde

September 3

Cooper, Bonnie
Fordi, John
Gosaguio, Fernando
Warehime, Robert

September 4

Brown, Karen
Buscemi, Brooke
Flook, Tiffany
Handley, James
Moore, Braden

September 5

Bowman, Stacy
Janke, Rory
Janke, Reagan
Jenkins, Bruce
Kemph, Andrea
Michael, Donald
Scott, Lori
Sherlock, Heidi
Tyler, Pat

September 6

Charnley, Rachel
McLeod Rehak, Kathy
Plendl, Caitlin
Plendl, Chad
Zayed, Daniel

September 7

Alisauckas, Paula
McCormick, Andrew
Rainey, Edward
Roach, Susan
Steers, Kathleen

September 8

Brynes, Lori
Holmes, John
Plendl, Brie
Ways, Jim

September 9

Connelly, Michael
DeGreif, Ryan
Mersinger, Lauren

September 10

Baker, Craig
Giles, Lois
Merryman, Wanda

September 11

Czarnowsky, Lora
Dayhoff, Kevin
Goetz, Daniel
Gretz, Ken
Harrison, Sandra
Michael, Hope
O'Connor, Tyler
Shimoda, Matthew

September 12

Clements, Daniel
Fletcher, Benjamin
Harris, Kaylee
Krichinsky, Michele

September 13

Dietz, Lenis
Erikson, Bill
Keefer, Jeff
Morrow, David
Seipp, Eric
Sherfey, Kara

September 14

Fendlay, Kyle

September 15

Czarnowsky, Nathaniel
Hyle, Desirae

September 16

Jones, Madelyn
McCulloch, Carol
Paulsen, Kim
Peltier, Honesty
Yarish, John

September 17

Scott, Claire

September 18

Beckhardt, Cyndy

September 19

Johnson, Zachary
Schaffer, Christopher

September 20

Bockmiller, Bill
Glass, John
Williams, Sydney
Zepp, Junior

September 21

Eckenrode, Matt
King, Stephanie
Mays, Aubrey
Sackin, Rachel
Smith, Mitchell
Trotta, Katherine

September 22

Gregory, Christopher
Scott, Thomas
Scott, Eric

September 23

Borleis, Ryan
Capece, Cara
Comegna, Nancy
Deardorff, Ted
Knoedler, Sean
Linebaugh, Patti
Shackelford, Michele
Weaver, CeeCee

September 24

McCloskey, Mitchell

September 25

Degitz, Abbey
Schneider, Christian
Schuchardt, James

September 26

Rosendahl, Stephanie

September 27

Barnes, Heather
Carbaugh, Jeffrey
Day, Brandy
Miller, Steve
Roach, Ryan
Strevig, Brielle

September 28

Clatterbuck, Nikki
Moore, John
Plendl, Barb

September 29

Bicking, Anna
Bittner, Amy
Huver, Randolph
Peltier, Imagine
Wright, William

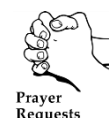
September 30

Anderson, Aubrey
Leister, Renee
Trotta, Luke
Yingling, Jake



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, Brian Bowersox, Gordon Caples, Lou Chappel, Kelly Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Peggy Fogle, Barbara Gordon, Hattie Helm, Joseph Hodgkins, Lanny Kessler, Philip Kirk, Nikki Lemmerman, 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.



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