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**Deadline for November
Grace Notes is Tuesday,
October 16. 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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A Matter of Perspective

In the process of selecting a new king to replace King Saul, the prophet Samuel looked at Jesse's oldest son, Eliab and thought that he was surely the one who would be the next king. But God told Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." (1 Samuel 15:7) After meeting seven of Jesse's sons, it was finally, David, the youngest son, a shepherd, who God anointed to be king. Which brother had the makings of a great king? It was a matter of perspective!

We all look at the world and the events around us "from our own perspective." One's perspective develops out of our own personal experiences, especially the things that we are taught as we grow up. Our experiences as adults also influence how we see the world.

Scripture reminds us that the Lord's perspective is often different from human perspectives and so a large part of our faith journey in life is reshaping our own desires and our own judgments to fit more closely to God's perspective. There are many issues in our world with no clear cut answer. Many of those issues are so complex that there is no way to clearly know what God's judgment might be. And so, as disciples of Jesus Christ, it is up to us to learn, pray, converse, grow and do the very best we can to be faithful to what we do know about God's will.

This year, the Adult Education is offering three forums to help us learn more about important issues in our world. You can read more about them in this newsletter. For now, I want to mention these issues as examples of complex questions that we will do well as Jesus' followers to learn more so that our actions will please our Lord. How do we respond to homelessness in our own community? What can we do to help prevent homelessness? How might we do something to address issues that seem so large, like violence and human trafficking? What difference can we make as we use the resources of the world that God has created?

In "Bread & Wine," the book being read in our Thursday Evening Book Club this fall, author Shauna Niequist, writes, "Sometimes people ask me why I travel so much, and specifically why we travel with Henry so often...I want my kids to learn firsthand and up close that different isn't bad, but instead that different is exciting and wonderful and worth taking the time to understand. *I want them to see themselves as bit players in a huge, sweeping, beautiful play, not as the main characters in the drama of our living room.*"

A few weeks ago, Pastor Kevin and I saw the movie, "The 100 Foot Journey." Although it is probably out of the theaters by now, I urge you to see this movie on DVD or rental. It tells the story of two restaurant owners, from very different cultures, who after much strife, learn to appreciate one another. It is a wonderful story and a great example of how

human beings live with very different perspectives. By getting to know one another, our perspectives broaden and change.

I think that all of us would do well to broaden our perspective. Traveling, reading, meeting new people, conversing with someone who isn't just like you, and watching a new movie, are just a few of the ways in which an individual perspective begins to take in new thoughts and see things from new vantage points. Scripture is a powerful tool that God has provided to lift us from our own little world to see things in a new way, and yes, especially to see things from God's point of view.

May the Holy Spirit continue to push each of us into a new appreciation of our role in this wonderful, diverse, huge world created by God. May we be eager to grow, learn and be refined into the people God needs us to be.

Pastor Martha



Choices

The season of Fall has arrived and one of the annual rituals of this season is that many young adults transition from high school to college, trade schools or into the world of employment. This is a horizon moment in most people's lives; a moment when you have opportunity to look forward and imagine your future.

A question I ask of the college bound is simply "what is your major?" Answers are all over the place from those with the laser sharp answers of those with well-set sights to the vague shrug of the clueless. I enjoy asking this question and then watching the lives of these young people unfold most often in incredibly unexpected ways. Life has the capacity for redirecting or trumping the plans we set for ourselves. It is rare to find people who have held one clear vision for their life from start to finish.

I suspect that most people will have several of those horizon moments in life when we have opportunity to make choices that impact our futures. In those moments we have to consider many factors that are often dictated by the needs of the moment: economics, necessary skills, time, location, personal and family responsibilities. There are so many things to consider when making a change or redirecting the course of our lives. I fear that one aspect often overlooked is where we see our faith life being lived out in the midst of the choices we make for our future. A career choice that seems so exciting but leaves no time for a relationship with your family or a relationship with God may not be a wise choice. How sad it is when choices are made that in the end leave all of life in ruin.

The consideration of faith is seldom about what I can or cannot do. Rather it is the question of how will I be able to live out my faith in the midst of this path? I recall an individual who worked happily for a corporation for many years. When the company was sold, he found himself working under a management style that wanted him to alter production numbers in order to boost its stock prices. In the end, ethics driven by faith brought him to the place where he had to leave

the company and a long-held career. I have watched many people fall away from Church and their relationship with God because they made choices that gave no consideration of their faith lives.

Such choices also matter in regards to the utilization of our worldly resources. We take on all sorts of financial responsibilities; sometimes stretching beyond the limits of what we can reasonably afford doing, with no consideration to how this will impact our support for the ministries of the Church or other benevolences that are dependent upon donations. Our homes and lives are filled with gadgets, gizmos and all sorts of needless things that have consumed our resources and left little or nothing for God. The lack of resources to share with God is not the result of conscious decisions against The Lord; it is the result of forgetting to consider God at all.

God and a life of faith are not to be reserved for the spare moments of life. In all the choices we make each and every day these are matters to be considered. In the Clementson household matters of faith have played a key role in choices we have made, not only in the obvious nature of our careers, but in the choices of how we manage our time and our financial resources. What we want, what we need and how we choose to serve the Lord have figured into the purchase of homes, cars and the gadgets and gizmos of life.

Career, family, and all the choices we make each day are best served when we remember to consider our relationship with God. It is important for young adults to include God as they make their first moves toward their future. At any point of life when choices are to be made we must remember to keep God central in our thinking. With all the surprises and changes that occur in life, it is comforting to know that God can be the one constant that will make sense of it all.

Peace, Pastor Kevin

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.

Thrivent Action Teams



Thrivent Financial

Thrivent members have a new way to support the many ministries here at Grace. Each person who holds a Thrivent Financial product can apply twice a year for a \$250 Visa card. It's easy to do. All you need is a specific project in which you and others are engaged in that will serve our congregation and community. Several folks have already

applied for cards and are using them to carry out projects. So far, Thrivent Action Teams have bought yarn for the Prayer Shawl ministry and bought kits to make blankets for the Cold Weather Shelter. In the near future, Thrivent Action Teams will provide food for the Social Ministry Dinner and Talent Show to raise funds for the ELCA Malaria Campaign and purchase food for Thanksgiving Baskets.

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, please use your imagination and think about how you could support a ministry here at Grace! If you need help, please talk with Pastor Martha (who has gone through the process of obtaining a card) or Becky Leister, our local Thrivent representative.

Food and Faith Diners

Food and Faith Diners is a small group ministry here at Grace. It is for adults who love to eat graciously!!! We take turns making home-cooked meals served in a gracious atmosphere. It really is fun. Please consider joining us for a wonderful dinner!

The next Food and Faith meal will be Sunday, October 19 at 5:00 in the Theater. Rachel Fairchild will be the primary cook! The menu includes: a salad of shaved Brussels sprouts, with pecans and blue cheese; roasted butternut squash soup; pork roast with Jezebel sauce; side dishes and dessert. The cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door. You must have reservations. Please sign the RCR card at worship or call the church office. The reservation deadline is Sunday, October 12.



Heifer International

As of September 15, 2014,
the balance of the Heifer
International Fund is \$2,947.24.



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Lutheran Church Men Fall Dinner Meeting

by Ed Leister

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Fall Dinner Meeting on Monday, October 27 at 6:30 pm here at Grace Lutheran Church. A free-will offering will be received for the meal with \$11.00 requested.

Diane Fogle will be serving a delicious family-style dinner featuring Baked Ham with cherry glaze, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans and Tossed Salad. Youth from Grace will be serving the meal. Following dinner, a short devotion and a hymn sing will be led by Pastor Martha Clementson. Karen Ganjon will update the men with news from Carroll Lutheran School.

Reserve your spot on or before Sunday, October 12 by calling Ed Leister at 410-848-8640 or by signing the RCR card at worship.

Pot Luck and Song



Pot Luck and Song is almost over for this year!! The last Pot Luck and Song will take place on Wednesday, October 29 at 6:00. Bring a covered dish to share and come out for a great dinner and a fun time of singing our favorite hymns. This will be the last Pot Luck and Song for this year. We will begin again on Wednesday, April 29, 2015.

Faith Talk for Women

5th Wednesdays of the Month at Johansson's

Pastor Martha is inviting all women to get together at Johansson's when the 5th Wednesday of the month rolls around. That will happen this October on the 29th! Please join her for dinner, conversation and prayer from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. BYOB—that is "Bring your own Bible." We will order from the menu with each person paying for her own food, beverage and tip.



Faith Talk for Women will not meet on New Year's Eve! So, the upcoming dates in 2015 are: April 29, July 29 and September 30.



Did you know??? The Pastors' sermons are now on line. You can listen to a sermon that you missed or that you want to hear again by going to our church website (www.gracelc.org) and clicking on "On Line Sermons" which you will find in the right hand column on the home page.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

Sky Zone!!!!



Who doesn't want to hang out in a room made of trampolines?!?!?! High School Youth we are going to SKY ZONE in Columbia, MD on **Saturday October 11!** We will meet in the Carroll Street parking lot at 5pm and we will be back to Grace by 9pm! The cost is **\$22 per person** and snacks and drinks are available for purchase. **PARENTS** need to fill out the electronic waiver found at <http://www.skyzone.com/columbia/Online-Waiver> in order for your student to

jump. **RSVP is REQUIRED by October 1!**

Harvest Hoop-Dee-Do!

Save the Date for this year's Harvest Hoop-Dee-Do on **October 26, 2014 from 6:00-8:00pm!** This year we want this to be an intergenerational event so we will start with a chili cook off! *Hotdogs will be available for kids and those who don't like chili* Sign-up on the RCR card beginning October 5 if you plan to bring your best chili to be judged by everyone! There will be prizes for the spiciest chili, the most original chili (this category includes vegetarian, white, chicken, etc.), and the most flavorful chili! We will also have entertainment for the kids before the parade and trunk or treating! Speaking of Trunk or Treating please sign up on the RCR card at worship beginning October 5 if you plan on decorating your trunk! We also ask for candy donations which will be collected October 5-19 (please choose a variety of candy **including Peanut Free**)! Another new detail this year is we are asking for people to donate their fall decorations (pumpkins, mums, etc.) for decorating. You may bring them to church on Sunday morning, October 26 and then take them home with you after the event Sunday night! Please see Leanne Elliott, Tiffany Cox, Beth Meyers, or Sue Burk if you have any questions!



Advent Event



Mark your calendars NOW for our annual Advent Event on Sunday, November 23 from 3:00-6:00pm! There will be lots of activities for people of all ages and a delicious meal provided by the Fellowship Committee! You won't want to miss it!

Scholarship Thank You Letters

The following thank you notes were sent to Grace:

Dear Pastor Martha and Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for your generous consideration this year in regard to the Grace Lutheran Scholarship. I am so appreciative of the committee's gift for this academic year. It is so humbling to receive such an award, especially one that is assisting my education!

Also, it was wonderful being able to speak to each and every scholarship committee member during the interview. Interacting with a room full of truly faithful and kindhearted individuals is encouraging and enlightening.

I also wanted to let you know that I would like to use the scholarship to help with the cost of off-campus housing, which has become a part of my education process.

I am fortunate to have such a wonderful scholarship to help me further my academic career. Thank you again!

Best wishes and God Bless,
Maddie Lichtfuss

Dear Grace Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship to help finance my education at DePauw. I greatly appreciate your supporting my efforts.

Sincerely,
Burke Stanton



Dear Pastor Martha and the rest of the Scholarship Committee,

I just wanted to say thank you for your extremely generous donation to help me with my college tuition. I hope you all know how blessed I feel to have the support you give me every day. This scholarship will help me and my family in more ways than you could imagine!

Thank you so so much and God Bless!
Kimberly Meyers

Dear Grace Lutheran Church congregation and scholarship committee,

I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for honoring me with the scholarship this year. I am so blessed to have such a strong support system, and I am so grateful to have so many people who believe in me and in my future. I look forward to continuing to serve here at Grace for a very long time.

In Christian Love,
Kara Schuster

Traditional Music Notes

by Ted Dix, Director

Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development

Greetings from the Music Room!

On Sunday, December 14 at 3:00pm, the Sunday School Students, Festival and Luther Choirs, and soloists will present the Christmas program, *Christmas by The Book*, by Sharon K. Chatwell in the Sanctuary. Festival Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, October 23, at 7:45pm in the Music Room. Although I will be contacting Festival Choir members later this month via email, please feel free to join us if you never have before. This has become an outstanding way for folks of all ages to come together in heralding the Christmas season!

The Festival Choir rehearsal schedule is as follows. All rehearsals are held in the Music Room unless otherwise noted.

- Thursday, October 23 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, October 30 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, November 6 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, November 13 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, November 20 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, November 27 – No Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 4 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Thursday, December 11 – Rehearsal at 7:45pm
- Saturday, December 13 – Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 9:30am
- Sunday, December 14 – Christmas Program in the Sanctuary at 3:00pm with a warm-up call at 2:00pm.



Choir Membership Spotlight:

- We welcome Grace Martin to the Luther Choir and Linda Linnich to the Agape Handbell Choir. Grace is a friend of Abby Burk and Linda is a friend of many of us in the Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County. Welcome Grace and Linda!

Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:

- 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 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.

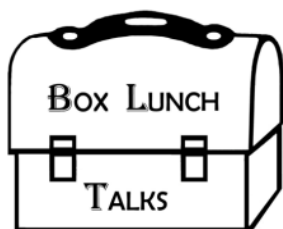
Your support of our traditional music ministry is greatly appreciated!





Hello Folks! I have been asked to work on a special project but I plan to return in November and will try to tell you something about it when I return. Till next time, be safe, and stay warm and dry!

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 October topic will be "Carroll County's Historic Almshouse." The earliest almshouses in Maryland were established in colonial times. As each new Maryland county came into existence, it was required to open an almshouse. Joanna Perego, a volunteer at the Carroll County Farm Museum, explores the history of Carroll County's facility—from its construction in 1852 to its

conversion to a museum over 100 years later.

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.

Adult Forum – Sunday, October 26 10:15 Education Hour in Grace Hall

Topic: Responding to Homelessness in Our Community

ALL adults are invited to participate in a discussion focused on "Responding to Homelessness in Our Community" during the Education Hour on October 26. The discussion will be led by a panel of people from our congregation who work directly with persons who are homeless. The panel members are: Corina Canon, Associate Director at Human Service Programs of Carroll County, Lois Giles, staff member at The Shepherd's Staff, and Craig Giles, part of the leadership team of Ardent Folk. Pastor Martha will be the facilitator of the discussion.



The Adult Education Committee is hosting three Adult Forums during this school year. These forums are designed to highlight important issues and our Christian response to them. While the 50 minute Education Hour is not a long time, it is an opportunity to begin a conversation and enrich our understanding of a particular topic.

The other two Adult Forums will be: February 15, "Responding to Violence and Human Trafficking," with a panel including Emily Esworthy from IMA World Health; April 19, "Christian Stewardship of the Environment," with the Rev. Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig, from Gettysburg Seminary speaking.

Whether you attend Sunday School or not, we hope you will join us for these informative presentations.

Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

Start of School

The school year began on September 2 with 105 students enrolled, seven more than last year! We have two two-day two-year old classes, two two-day three-year old classes, two three-day three-year old classes, and three pre-K four-year old classes. The children are adjusting well to the beginning of school; we have had very few criers!



Parent Night

Our parents were invited to the school the evenings of September 22 and 24. This gave our parents the opportunity to see the daily routine of the classroom.

Fundraiser

Little Friends of Grace is participating in the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event. We will be selling tickets for \$5.00 each which entitles you to a coupon for 25% off one day of shopping on October 21. Please call the preschool office if you have any questions.

Dining Out Evenings

We plan to schedule various dining out evenings throughout the school year. We are always happy to have members of the Grace congregation join us but if you are unable attend our dining out, we welcome any contribution to the scholarship fund.

Campbell's Soup Labels

We continue to collect Campbell's soup labels. Please note that Campbell's now requires the UPC number and not the front labels. If you use any of these products please cut out and pass on to the preschool.

Field Trips

The pre-K classes went to Explore & More Children's Museum on September 24, 25, and 26. This trip ends our Welcome to School unit. The pre-K four-year old classes will visit Pleasant Valley Fire Station on October 9 and 10; Sargent Benfer will visit the pre-K four-year old classes on October 8.

The three-year old classes will have a visit from firefighter Lucas Geiman on October 7 and 8; and then head to Belisimo's on October 23 and 24 as part of our community helper unit.

Chapel Time

Our pre-K four-year old classes are visiting Pastor Martha in the sanctuary while Pastor Martha visits the three-year old classes starting this month. The three's will go to the sanctuary beginning in January. What a wonderful opportunity this is for our preschool children.

Many fun things are happening at preschool! Little Friends of Grace is appreciative of the continued support of the congregation.

Personal Notes

In Memoriam:

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

Family of Rebecca Vadder (mother of Joe Vadder) – September 20, 2014

Family of Steven Cox (cousin of Dave Cox) – September 21, 2014

Baptized:

8/24/14 – Joshua Winders (son of Lisa DeKett and Charles DeKett)

8/24/14 – Colin Becker (son of Tony and Valerie Becker)

8/24/14 – Gabriela Gosaguio (daughter of Luis and Cheryl Gosaguio)

9/20/14 – Alona Nelson (daughter of James Nelson Jr. and Jeniffer Pigeon)

9/21/14 – Harrison Zepp (son of Travis and Shannon Zepp)



Grace Lutheran Time and Talent Show

November 8 at 6:00 p.m.



Once again, the Social Ministry Committee will be hosting a Time and Talent Dinner and Show. This year, the proceeds will go to the ELCA Malaria Fund. Please plan to support this important cause while we also cheer on the talents of our brothers and sisters here at Grace!

If you have a talent that you are willing to share, please contact Deborah Brennan at Deborah.brennan16@gmail.com or Laura Heller at lheller1@msn.com.

Watch the Weekly Announcements for more information about the dinner.

NEEDED: Cold Weather Shelter Volunteers

by Sandy Hoff

Jesus said, "Feed my Sheep." We can obey this instruction from Jesus by serving the homeless in our community at the Cold Weather Shelter. The Shelter is open November 15—March 31 from 7:00pm to 7:00am to allow those in need a warm place to sleep and a hot meal. We divide the cooking and serving for the Shelter to allow people who would normally not be able to volunteer because of work or other commitments to become active with those in need.

The great thing about volunteering to serve the homeless through the Cold Weather Shelter is there are many opportunities to make a difference.



- 1-**Cook Casseroles**-This involves cooking casseroles that freeze well to be served at the shelter. It is done at home and on your own time. With supervision, cooking can be a service project for school age children.
- 2-**Serve Dinner at the Shelter**-This involves heating the premade casseroles at the church and then transporting them to the shelter to serve the evening's guest. The time commitment for this is roughly 4:30-7:30/8:00. You must be over 18. This is done on a rotating schedule so you will not be committed to every Saturday.

If you cannot commit to one of these opportunities, we can always use supplies. Our needs are: Progressive Soups (Chicken Noodle, Tomato, and Vegetable), crackers and gallon jugs of iced tea and lemonade. You may purchase these at any time and put them in the kitchen with the label CWS.

It only needs to be a few hours per month to make a big difference in the lives of those in need. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Hoff 410-857-1197, 443-324-7481, hoffy1015@comcast.net or use the RCR card at worship.

Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group

Caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or other dementia-related disorders are invited to attend a free monthly support group at Carroll Lutheran Village. The meetings are held the third Thursday of the month in the Hospitality Dining Room on the CLV campus (by the large red gazebo). Respite care is available. Contact Cheri at 443-605-1057 for more information.



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In July Megan Bittner, Amelia Dowling, Adam Fairchild, Haley Hoff, Kathryn Lienhard, Dylan Saunders, Erin Sherlock, and Tyler Snyder along with their fearless leaders Pastor Martha, Jeremy Snyder, and Leanne Elliott will join 40,000 Lutheran youth from across the country in Detroit, MI for the 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering! The gathering costs approximately \$1,200 per person. Each family is committed to paying 1/3 of the cost, Grace (Youth & Family) has committed to paying 1/3, and we are fundraising the rest...and we need your help! On the bulletin board outside of Grace Hall you will notice that our car is stuck in Maryland right now and we need to get to Michigan! If you would like to help get us there all you have to do is ¹take an envelope, ²put cash or a check (made out to Grace Lutheran Church) into the envelope, ³write your name and Grace envelope number (if known) in the upper right hand corner so that it can be added to your contribution statement, ⁴lastly place the envelope in the offering plate!



Update from ELCA Missionaries Erik and Wendolyn Trozzo

We have received word that Pastor Wendolyn Trozzo, currently serving as a missionary in Malaysia, was diagnosed with breast cancer in August. Pastor Wendolyn has had one surgery and is facing another surgery followed by radiation and chemotherapy. For surgery, the Trozzos must travel to Hong Kong, but she will be able to do the follow up radiation and chemo locally in Malaysia.

Many of us enjoyed meeting the Trozzo family when they were at Grace in May. Pastor Erik and Pastor Wendolyn have two young sons, Dante and Caedman. Please keep the entire Trozzo family in your prayers.

If you would like to send a card or message of encouragement to Pastor Wendolyn, you can use the following address:

Sabah Theological Seminary
P.O. Box 1192588821
Kota Kinabalu
Sabah

Email: wendofish@yahoo.com

Keep up with the Trozzo's ministry by reading their blog, "Flung Forth Anew"

Volunteer Forms

Volunteer
Recruitment



Volunteer forms were given out on Rally Day. This is an opportunity to consider the many and varied ministries sponsored by our congregation. Members and friends of Grace, of all ages, are asked to prayerfully consider these ministries and turn in a volunteer form. If you did not receive a form, the informational packet is available in the Upper Gathering Space and on the Visitors' Table in the Sanctuary. **Please return your volunteer forms no later than the end of October.**

October Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014

2:00 pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (UGS)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm T.E.C.T. Gathering (Various)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 Stephen Leaders Meeting (PK's office)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:00 am Connect Bible Study (T)
 12:00 pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (Carroll Lutheran Village)
 6:00 pm Women's Weekend Away – Departure (Carroll St. Lot)
 6:30 pm Quiet Evenings (GH)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (GH)
 10:00 am Pictorial Directory Pictures (Carroll Lutheran Village)
 5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014

7:30 am Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS)
 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 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)
 3:00 pm Women Return from Weekend Away (Off Site)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting (107, 108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
 6:00 pm Pictorial Directory Layout Meeting (L)
 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (LGS)
 7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 6:45 pm Talent Show Rehearsal (Legacy)
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)



**Pictorial
Directory
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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, OCTOBER 10, 2014

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:00 am Connect Bible Study (T)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 5:00 pm HS Youth Depart for Sky Zone (Off Site)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 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, OCTOBER 13, 2014

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014

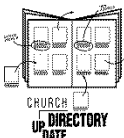
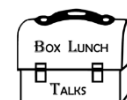
12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch Talks (GH)
 12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
 7:00 pm Adult Education Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014

1:00 pm Pictorial Directory Layout Meeting (L)
 5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (109/110)
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm T.E.C.T. Gathering (Various)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (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

October Calendar of Events (continued)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014

Time TBD – MS Youth Depart for FreeRide (Off Site)
 6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:00 am Connect Bible Study (T)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014**

10:00 am Worship & Music Committee (Parlor)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

Time TBD – MS Youth Return from FreeRide (Off Site)
 7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 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)
 5:00 pm Food & Faith Diners (FH, T, K)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop 307 (FH)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
 6:30 pm Talent Show Rehearsal (GH)
 6:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (107)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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, OCTOBER 23, 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 Contemporary Worship Committee Meeting (108)
 7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (LGS)
 7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:00 am Connect Bible Study (T)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014

9:00 am Stephen Ministry Training Session (108)
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)
 5:30 pm Good News Prison Ministry Banquet (GH)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)
 10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)
 10:15 am Adult Forum – "Responding to Homelessness ..." (GH)
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
 6:00 pm Harvest Hoop-Dee-Do (Various)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 393 (Various)
 6:30 pm Carroll County Lutheran Men's Dinner (GH)
 7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393 (Legacy)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH, T)
 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (MR, FH, T, Legacy)
 6:30 pm Talent Show Rehearsal (GH)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (LGS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board Meeting (108)
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014

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 Faith Talk for Women (Johansson's)
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 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)
 7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2014**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Conversation (Bob Evans)
 9:00 am Connect Bible Study (T)
 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

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October Worship Leaders & Assistants

OCTOBER 4-5, 2014

5:00 p.m. – Laura Heller, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

7:45 a.m. – Dena Hodges

9:00 a.m. – Joette Campanello

Communion Assistants: Karyn Baust, Janet Bowersox, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Tyler Snyder

Ushers: Randy Bachtel, Adam Fairchild, Ron Fairchild, Linwood Van Horn

11:15 a.m. – Kara Schuster

Acolyte – 5:00 pm, 11:15 am – Taylor Glass Button



OCTOBER 11-12, 2014

5:00 p.m. – Lisa Turner

7:45 a.m. – Caroline Babylon

9:00 a.m. – Jan Mickey

Communion Assistants: Sharon Glass, Taylor Glass Button, Rich Chaney, Stacie Dowling, Amelia Dowling, Kim Eckenrode

Ushers: Adam Barnes, Jeff Barnes, Perry Crawl, Nancy Taylor

11:15 a.m. – Greg Hare

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Amelia Dowling

OCTOBER 18-19, 2014

5:00 p.m. – Laura Miller

7:45 a.m. – Karen Ganjon

9:00 a.m. – Sharon Glass

Communion Assistants: Jan Mickey, Adam Fairchild, Ann Gilbert, Sandra Harrison, Chuck Lowman

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

11:15 a.m. – Cosette Schneider, **Reader:** Leonard Cherry

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Erin Sherlock

OCTOBER 25-26, 2014

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

7:45 a.m. – Kathy Bare

9:00 a.m. – Adam Fairchild

Communion Assistants: Leanne Elliott, Laura Heller, Don Hodges, Al Law, Sheila Law

Ushers: Bill Comegna, Beth Meyers, Don Meyers, Don Ludwig

11:15 a.m. – Rich Schuster

Acolyte – 11:15 am – Anna Tschiegg



October Altar Guild

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Doris Hare

GRACE HALL

Chuck and Tammy Lowman

October Birthdays

October 1

Adams, Marcia
Schoenberger, Ginnie

October 2

Grigg, Isabelle
Kessler, Brianna
Kozlowski, Laura
Marley, Camryn

October 3

Bittner, Megan
Lichtfuss, Grace

October 4

Babylon, Evelyn
Buttner, Samuel
DeRita, Ronnie
Roth, Cheryl

October 5

Eyler, William
Heller, Laura
Spencer, Judy

October 6

Serghini, Barbara

October 7

Benton, Pat
Stauffer, Elias

October 8

Bair, Harvey
Bradfield, Kaitlyn
Harris, Megan
Pogue, Diana
Yeakel, Jean

October 9

Doermann, Al
Gordon, Thomas
Guerra, Joseph
Lockard, Nathaniel

October 10

Dixon, Pam

October 11

Border, Ted
Clementson, Kevin
Croft, Barbara
Haydu, Louise
Nixon, Clayton

October 12

Bradfield, John
Eppler, Frederick
Meyers, Donald

October 13

Day, Lexi
Gregory, Jheri
Kessler, Tina

October 14

Bitzel, Alex
DeGreif, Andrea
Jacobson, Jennifer
Spears, Howard
Vietz, Paul

October 15

Charnley, Barbara
Fowler, Henry
Hoff, Haley
Martin, Monica

October 16

Fendlay, Kelsey
Oddis, Michael

October 17

Cimbalista, Hunter
DeCosmo, Rachel
Helt, Mark
Kent, Donna
Roth, David

October 18

Wampler, Mary Frances

October 19

Alisauckas, Jeff
Barnes, Harry
Lienhard, Kathryn
Rouch, Gloria-Jean
Selby, Jeffrey
Steers, Lauren

October 20

Shultz, Megan
Strevig, Brinlee

October 21

Bongardt, Coleman
Moreland, Julie
Pringle, Aime
Seney, Dolores
Stanton, Burke

October 22

Stiles, Eric

October 23

Beck, Miriam
Becker, Glenn
Denton, Barbara
Hare, Greg
Huffman, Lara

October 24

Fordi, Claire

October 25

Kurland, Aiden
Palazzo, Amy

October 26

Bowersox, Paul
Clatterbuck, Cyndy
Goetz, Gary
Paulsen, Will
Phipps, Elizabeth
Scocco, Megan

October 27

Lockard, Alice

October 28

Border, Carley
Gist, Ryan
Nixon, Jared

October 29

Byers, Jon-David
Nelson, Layten
Zayed, Adam

October 30

Mays, Nichole

October 31

Eppler, Donna
McGinnis, Lois
Mens, Nicole
Piisila, Erik



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, Captain 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, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Peggy Fogle, Philip Kirk, Sandy & Walter Long, Marie Miller, Rita Petry, Kayla Rockwell, 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.



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