

# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, October 25 and Sunday, October 26, 2014

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# WORSHIP SERVICES

5:00 pm - Saturday in the Sanctuary
7:45 am - Sunday in the Sanctuary
9:00 am - Sunday in Grace Hall
11:15 am - Sunday in the Sanctuary

### **10:15 Education Hour**

\*\* Nursery is available for children under 3 during the Education Hour in Room 100.

### WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. Please stop by the Visitor's Table to pick up a Welcome Bag. We invite you to sign the RCR card or fill out a visitor's card at the Table so we can get to know you.

## Adult Forum: Responding to Homelessness in Our Community

Adults, please join us this weekend during the Education Hour for an informative discussion about "*Our Response to Homelessness in Our Community*." This year, the Adult Education Committee is offering a series of three forums to engage us in conversation about important issues in our world. Please join us this Sunday in Grace Hall at 10:15a.m.



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### Harvest Hoop-Dee-Doo and Chili Cook-off!



Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. is the Chili Cook-off followed by the Harvest-Hoop-Dee-Doo. Please join us for a great evening of intergenerational fun! Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes. There will be a parade of costumes and trunk or treating. All are welcome!!



### **New Member Classes**

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New Member Classes begin next Sunday! If you are interested in becoming a member of the Grace Lutheran Church family or just want to learn more about Grace, please plan to attend the New Member Classes in November. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, December 7 at the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship. Classes will take place in the Church Library during the Education Hour (10:15 a.m.) beginning November 2 and meeting for four sessions.

# Grace Lutheran

# **Help Stop Malaria**

Here at Grace, we are joining in the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Our gifts, combined with the gifts of others, really can make a difference.

There are Malaria Nets full of mosquitos in both Gathering Spaces. Let's get rid of those pesky (though admittedly cute) mosquitos! When you make a donation, take a mosquito off the net. Donation envelopes are located near each display. Place the envelope into the offering plate.

You also can participate in the fight against malaria by attending the **Dinner and Talent Show on November 8 at 6:00**, sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee. Dinner will include a Potato Bar with lots of great "fixings," salad, and sundae bar. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5-12 and free for children age 4 and under. The family maximum is \$20 no matter how many children are in your family. Tickets are available today or you may buy tickets at the door.

While you can give toward the ELCA Malaria Campaign anytime, we are focusing our efforts at Grace between now and November 8-9. Please participate with as much help as you can give for this important ministry.

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### **New Ministry For Women**

Pastor Martha invites women to join together at Johansson's on Wednesday, October 29 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. for "Faith Talk for Women." We will take advantage of the 5th Wednesdays to gather for dinner and conversation. Participants may purchase dinner or beverages or appetizers. Bring your own Bible! Since this is the first time we will gather, we would like to have a count ahead of time. If you plan to attend, please sign the RCR card.

# **First Communion**

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A series of three classes will be offered to prepare children for participation in Holy Communion. The classes will take place on Saturdays, November 1, 8 & 15 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Classes will be taught by Pastor Martha and Leanne Elliott. Normally, children at Grace begin to participate in Holy Communion between Kindergarten and Second Grade; however, some students begin earlier and others later according to the desire of their parents. If your child

would like to attend the classes and receive First Communion on November 15-16, please contact Pastor Martha or sign the RCR card.

# Lock Out for Homeless

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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to experience homelessness? We will be attending St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church (Baltimore, MD) for their annual Helping Up Mission<sup>\*\*</sup> Boxed Out event to raise awareness about homelessness and talk about why Faith matters <u>November 8-9, 2014!</u> If you are in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade I challenge you to join us fo matters **November 8-9, 2014!** If you are in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade I challenge you to join us for this event! We will be sleeping outside (unless the temperature drops below 35

degrees) so wear lots of layers! Each person is allowed 1 sleeping bag or blanket (NO PILLOWS). We will also collect new or gently used winter weather clothing to donate to Baltimore's Helping Up Mission. Please RSVP to Leanne Elliott by Sunday, November 2.

# F(und) O(ur) R(oad) to D(etroit)



We have almost gotten our car out of Maryland! Thank you for all of the contributions that have come in so far to help get us to Detroit! We aren't there yet though! If you would like to help get us to Detroit please visit the bulletin board outside of Grace Hall to <sup>1</sup>take an envelope, <sup>2</sup>write a check (made payable to Grace Lutheran Church) or cash for the amount shown on the envelope and put it in the envelope, <sup>3</sup>write your name and

Grace envelope number (if known) on the envelope so it can be added to your contribution statement, <sup>4</sup>lastly place the envelope in the offering plate! Thank you again for all of your support! We are very excited about our trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering!

# Fall In-Gathering

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Each week of the year, Grace Lutheran serves over 200 free meals to our neighbors through the Table of Grace and Ardent Folk ministries. During November all members of Grace may contribute to our feeding ministries by donating the following items:

- Large cans of green beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, kidney beans, navy beans, tuna
- Iced tea mix, powdered creamer, regular coffee

• Chicken broth, instant mashed potatoes, mayonnaise, ranch salad dressing Grocery store gift cards are appreciated and welcomed year round. Please call Carol Arbaugh (410-848-4776) for more information.





On Sunday, November 23, we will be packing and delivering Thanksgiving baskets to families in our church and community. The following food items are needed: Small cans of gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, corn, applesauce, cranberry sauce and small boxes of stuffing mix. The church will purchase turkeys, apples and potatoes to make a Thanksgiving meal.

If you would like to help pack and deliver the baskets, please come to the Lower Gathering Space at 10:30.

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# Nominations are being sought for 2015 Synod Assembly Voting Members



Persons interested in representing Grace at the Synod Assembly (May 28-30, 2015) should contact one of the pastors or Ron Fairchild.

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# Grace Responds to the Ebola Crisis

Through the Social Ministry Committee, Grace Lutheran has given \$1,000 to Lutheran Disaster Relief for use in aiding African Countries that are working to bring an end to the Ebola Epidemic. Your offerings helped our congregation respond in a timely manner to this important global cause.

# Cold Weather Shelter Needs Your Help

Looking for a way to serve those less fortunate in our area but don't have a lot of free time? Volunteer to serve dinner at the Cold Weather Shelter. **You can serve as often or as little as you like. You can choose the Saturday evenings you are available.** We have trained volunteers that have served at the shelter for the past few years so you would not be on you own and it's a great way to fellowship with others in our congregation while making a real difference to someone in need. The shelter is open from November 15 through March 31. Our team is scheduled to serve at the shelter on Saturday evenings so there is no commitment during the work week.



**Serving dinner at the Shelter** involves heating casseroles that have already prepared by others at the church and then transporting them to the shelter to serve the evening's guests. The time commitment for this is roughly 4:30-7:30/8:00.

Any help is always appreciated and very rewarding. Contact Sandy Hoff 410-857-1197 or 443-324-7481, <u>hoffy1015@comcast.net</u> or use the RCR card.

# November Red Cross Blood Drive

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A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Grace Lutheran on Monday, November 10 from 2:00 - 7:30 p.m. Please call or e-mail Emma Jane Weishaar to schedule an appointment. Phone: 410-848-1231 or E-mail: ejweishaar@comcast.net



# Advent Event

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Mark your calendars for our annual Advent Event on Sunday November 23 from 3:00-6:00 pm! There will be lots of activities for people of all ages from Advent bags to family advent boxes! This year each family unit will be invited to make a "Snowman Advent Calendar" that will serve as a great decoration as we count off the days until Christmas. This is a great opportunity to come together with your family and your church family as we prepare for Advent! Following the activities will be a delicious meal provided by the Fellowship Committee! You won't want to miss it!

### **Announcement Format**

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We have changed the style of our Weekly Announcements because using smaller paper is a large financial savings for our church. If you are having trouble with the size of the print, you can read (and print) the Weekly Announcements on the Grace website. The announcements are normally posted by Friday afternoon and remain on the website for two weeks. The website is: <a href="https://www.gracelc.org">www.gracelc.org</a>.

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# **Email Prayer Chain**

Would you like to be part of Grace's Email Prayer Chain? Please provide your name and email address using the RCR Card and you will be added to our list.



## **DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK**

**Preacher:** Pastor Kevin Clementson **October Altar Guild:** Doris Hare (S) Chuck & Tammy Lowman (GH) **November Altar Guild:** Charles Crown (S), Nancy Suder (GH)

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Laura Heller, (7:45) Dena Hodges, (9:00) Adam Fairchild, (11:15) Rich Schuster
Communion Assistants: (9:00) Leanne Elliott, Dotti Morano, Jan Mickey, Al Law, Sheila Law
Ushers: (9:00) Bill Comegna, Beth Meyers, Don Meyers, Don Ludwig
Acolyte: (11:15) Anna Tschiegg

### SERVING NEXT WEEK (November 1-2, 2014):

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Kay Betz, Reader: John Baumgardner,
(7:45) Craig Giles, (9:00) Pete Tabatsko, (11:15) Charlie Beckhardt
Communion Assistants: (9:00) Haley Hoff, Donna Kent, Tammy Lowman,
Don Meyers, Beth Meyers
Ushers: (9:00) John Yarish, Randy Bachtel, Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild
Acolyte: (5:00, 11:15) Taylor Glass Button

The flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Sharkey by Susan, Chris, Elaine, Stanley and Tony.

### October 18-19, 2014 Attendance - (5:00) 24 (7:45) 32 (9:00) 209 (11:15) 82 (TOTAL) 347

### 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 <u>dstem@gracelc.org</u>.

**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

<u>Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers:</u> Sarah Barnes, Elinor Causey, Trudy Hirt, Arlene "Eenie" Logue, LaRue Long, Mildred Markle, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ellen Terry

**Continuing Prayers:** Matthew, Charles Adams, Kelly Allen, Catherine Booth, Brian Bowersox, Kelly Davis, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Dolores Farver, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Philip Kirk, Jill Levin, Brenda Lightner, Sandy & Walter Long, Don Ludwig, Marie Miller, Sharon Maloon, O'Mara Family, Dail Pease, Rita Petry, Kayla Platteel, Juleeann Schlitter, David Simonette & Family, Zach Sinor, Terra Valway, Jessica Young

**Seminarians:** Beth Clementson and Don Myers

**<u>Global Ministry Partners</u>**: 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.

### DAILY READINGS

Sun (26) John 8:31-36 Mon (27) Matthew 23:1-12 Tues (28) 1 John 4:1-6 Weds (29) Psalm 43 Thurs (30) Revelation 7:9-17 Fri (1) Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Sat (2) 1 John 3:1-3 Sun (3) Matthew 5:1-12





# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### Sunday, October 26

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 ... Homelessness (GH)
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)
6:00 pm Harvest Hoop-Dee-Doo (Various)



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

### Tuesday, October 28

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T) 5:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsals (various) 6:30 pm Rehearsal for Talent Show (GH) 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee (107) 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L) 7:00 pm Shepherd's Staff Board (108) 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee (109/110)

### Wednesday, October 29

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
6:00 pm Faith Talk for Women (Johansson's)
6:00 pm Pot Luck & Song (FH)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### Thursday, October 30

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)
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 (Legacy)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### Friday, October 31

6:30 am Men's Brkfst & Bible Conv (Bob Evans)9:00 am Connect Bible Study (T)8:00 pm Turning Point AA 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

### <u>Saturday, November 1</u>

9:00 am First Communion Class (FH, T, L) 5:00 pm Fair Trade Coffee Sale (LGS) 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

### Sunday, November 2

- 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)
- 10:15 am New Members Class (L)
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)
- 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### Looking Ahead....

**Special Congregation Meeting** – Sunday, November 16 at 10:15 a.m. in Grace Hall (Adult Classes will meet immediately following this brief meeting)

Advent Gathering – Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship** – Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m.

**Ted Dix and Friends Organ Recital and Soup and Salad Lunch** – Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Quiet Evening – Friday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m.

All Grace Worship and Annual Congregation Meeting – Sunday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m.



### **Heifer International**

As of October 20, 2014, the balance of the Heifer International Fund is \$2,959.78.

We are well on our way to purchasing an ark! Every bit of change helps!