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# GRACE NOTES

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## Change!

We live in a time of extraordinary change in technology, culturally and environmentally. Examples within the flow of history indicate that the choices we make in this time of transition can have a profound effect on society and our world for generations to come. The Industrial Revolution reshaped the culture of human beings who once lived primarily in small villages to a people who now live in vast metropolitan communities. The often mindless growth of such vast urban communities has created giant unmanageable pockets of grinding poverty, mindless violence and toxic pollution.

The Technological Revolution, which presently drives the changes of First World countries, is now reshaping our culture for better or for worse. People now spend more and more time staring into the screens of Smart Phones, tablets or laptop computers. Go to any restaurant and you will find many a table where one or more of the people will be disengaged staring at some miniature screen. This movement actually began with the development of televisions. I grew up in the early 1960's, the youngest of four with a nine-year gap between the third born and myself. I was six when the first television came into our home and within a few years a radical change occurred in the culture of the Clementson family. Shortly after my brother left for college I was allowed to quickly eat and leave the dinner table to watch television. I discovered years later that it was the habit of the family to sit together until all had finished eating all the while sharing the events of the day. I left the table to watch TV and missed out on such conversation. Today I look at children and adults alike sitting together for a meal but lost in whatever world is unfolding before them in the screens of their personal devices. I think about all that I missed out on because of what my brother used to sarcastically label the "Boob-Tube" and worry about what is happening to us all in the beginning stages of this new revolution.

So what does such a reflection mean to a pastor's article in a church newsletter? In the midst of this dramatic Technological Revolution, the Church is also in the midst of a revolution that is just as dramatic; some may argue that the changes we are experiencing are even more dramatic. Sociologists now refer to this age of the Church as the Post-Christian Era. What is meant by this label is that the Church no longer has the powerful influence to shape culture. Seventeen hundred and one years ago at the Battle of Milvian Bridge, Emperor Constantine was facing down a huge opposing army. Legend goes that in the night the Emperor had a vision of the symbol of the Christian Cross and heard these words, "In this sign you will conquer." The next day he ordered crosses etched into the shields of soldiers and the won a great victory. At this point Christianity went from a despised religious sect to becoming the state religion and within Western culture the Church would be a dominate force for good and evil until the midst of the 20th century. Following the conclusion of World War Two this influence began to fade in dramatic fashion.

There are a multitude of reasons for this radical collapse. The Industrial Revolution played a part as mass migration pulled people away from their homes, villages and churches. Modern Consumerism has taught us that if something appears broken or isn't as shiny as it once was it is okay to throw it away and go looking for something else. Technology is isolating us from each other so that there is less and less a draw for people to come together in community. Why go to church if I can watch it online or on television; which is as good as the old agrarian argument of "Why go to church when I can worship God in the woods?"

In 2017 we will remember the event that began the Protestant Reformation, the painful fracturing of the Christian Church. Martin Luther sought to engage the Church in a conversation and it ended in a great fracturing of the Western Church, an event so staggering that it not only changed the Church but all of Western Culture. Today the fracturing of the Church is practically a daily occurrence. This ongoing fracturing is, in my opinion, the very reason why the Church has lost its influence in the world. The people of God no longer seem to get along with each other, so why would people be drawn to such a fractious community?

The Church cannot speak out or influence culture if we are more concerned about surviving from day to day. How can the Church speak on controversial issues if we fear that people will leave if what is said makes them the least bit uncomfortable? How can the message of the gospel challenge people to greater acts of love and mercy if they will not stay around long enough to be influenced by God's word? In the realm of 'Churchdom' too much time is spent talking about Marketing and Branding and far too little time spent in proclaiming, as Jesus did, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." (Mark 1:15)

In this time of radical change the people of God must lay aside notions of Consumerism, the isolation of technology. The greater influence of our lives needs to rest in the love of God and not in the silver glow of a smart phone. We must learn once again how to get along with each other and love each other as examples to the world of what God's love truly means. In the midst of all this dramatic change we have an opportunity to make a powerful difference. God grant us the courage and wisdom to be faithful to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Peace, Pastor Kevin



### **Be Rich in Good Works**

Sometimes the problems of the world seem huge, beyond our capacity to solve. Fortunately, there are enough people in the world who love to tackle problems that even the tough ones usually get some attention! The good news is that even when problems seem so difficult to address, answers are often found and progress can be made.

Ridding the world of malaria is an example of a huge problem that has become a solvable problem. We've learned that malaria is both preventable and treatable. A number of Christian Churches in the United States, including our own Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, are committed to making a difference in the fight against malaria. The ELCA's goal is to raise \$15 million dollars by January 31, 2016.

Gifts from ELCA members and friends already have made a difference in many locations. Ester Akiror, from the Katakwi district in Uganda lost her first child to malaria. It is now years later and Ester reports, "My children are healthy and they no longer fall sick. We sleep well and they also can go to school." In addition to improved health, Ester and others in the community have formed a savings and loan group where they share in the purchase of school supplies, encourage financial savings, and learn new job skills. Overcoming malaria enables families to do the things they need to do in order to maintain jobs, build stronger communities, and move out of poverty.

This month, here at Grace, we are joining in the ELCA effort to provide significant resources in the fight against malaria. You can help by (1) purchasing a mosquito (on display in the gathering areas) with a free will offering, (2) attending the Social Ministry Dinner and Talent Show on November 8, and (3) giving to the free will offering being received on the weekend of the Talent Show. The donations received by these means will be added to \$500 which was part of our congregation's tithe of the bequest left to us by Helen Green. So, we already have a great start to this important campaign.

We have completed the making of blankets for the Cold Weather Shelter and the Women's Shelter, a project we talked about all summer long! Thirteen youth and seven adults worked together on blankets on September 27. Several other people made blankets at home to help us. Ronnie Wentz, Pastor Kevin and I had the privilege of delivering 56 blankets to Human Service Programs. As I was carrying a big plastic bag of blankets, a client sitting outside HSP said to me, "You are going to make a lot of people very happy."

Here at Grace, we go from one project to the next! And that is the way it should be. We can't solve all of the world's problems, but we can contribute to making this life a better place for at least some of the people. In caring for others we make a better life for ourselves as well.

1 Timothy 6:17-18 says, "As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."

As we move into what the world calls, "the holiday season," let us never forget that the greatest blessing we have is the gift of Jesus Christ who has opened to us the gates of heaven and

given us the opportunity to be a blessing while we journey through this life. Whether the problems are local or global, whether they seem manageable or unsolvable, let us work together to share God's love in Jesus with the world around us. May we never grow tired of taking on the next project (whatever it might be). We who know God's blessings can do no other than to share those blessings.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

Pastor Martha

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## 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 on sale now.

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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## Fall In-Gathering

by Carol Arbaugh

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.



## Thanksgiving Baskets



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.



### **Heifer International**

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



**Grace Lutheran Church is a  
Stephen Ministry  
Congregation**  
  
***CHRIST SERVING PEOPLE  
THROUGH PEOPLE***

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### **Advent Event**



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!

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### **November Red Cross Blood Drive**

by Emma Jane Weishaar

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



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### **First Communion Classes**



First Communion Classes are being offered during the month of November. Children who are ready to join us at the Lord's Table are invited to attend three classes: Saturdays, November 1, 8, & 15 from 9:00 – 10:30 am. 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 in worship.

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### **New Member Classes**

Interested in becoming a member of the Grace Lutheran Church family? We will be receiving new members on Sunday, December 7 at the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Service. New member classes will be held during the Sunday School hour at 10:15 a.m. in the Library beginning November 2 and meeting for four sessions. Curious about Grace but still not certain about joining? You are welcome to attend the class as well and learn more about the life and ministries of Grace Lutheran Church. If interested, please sign the RCR card at worship.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Leanne Elliott

### F<sub>(und)</sub> O<sub>(ur)</sub> R<sub>(oad)</sub> to D<sub>(etroit)</sub>

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!



### Lock Out for Homeless



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 Boxed Out event to raise awareness about homelessness and talk about why Faith 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.**

### Christmas by The Book

*I can't believe we are already thinking about Christmas but it's that time of year! We will be putting on our annual Christmas program on Sunday December 14 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary! You won't want to miss this wonderful program with the children from our congregation, our Festival Choir, and Luther Choir! So be sure to mark your calendars so that you too can be a part of this special day!*



## **Special Congregational Meeting – November 16**



A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 16 at 10:15 a.m. in Grace Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the revisions to our Constitution as proposed by the Congregation Council. Detailed information was sent to members in early October. If you have questions prior to the meeting, please feel free to ask a council member or one of the pastors. The final adoption of the constitutional changes will take place at the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 7.

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## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** of the Congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church to be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014, following the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship Service

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Westminster, Maryland will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014, following the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship Service, in Grace Hall at the church, 21 Carroll Street, Westminster, Maryland.



The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

1. Election of new members of the Congregation Council
2. Annual Report of the Treasurer
3. Adoption of the Annual Operating and Capital Budgets of the Congregation for 2015
4. Election of the Congregation's voting members of the Synod Assembly for 2015; and
5. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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## **Congregation Council Nominees**

There are five seats on council to be elected. The following people are nominated by the council for election. The nominees are: Bill Comegna (currently serving as Treasurer-elect), Bob Lichtfuss, Ron Fairchild, Johanna Monka, and Linwood Van Horn. All of the nominees, with the exception of Bill, are currently serving their first terms on council and are interested in continuing to serve. We give thanks for all five of these faithful leaders! Their biographical information will be in the Weekly Announcements prior to the meeting on December 7. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the congregation meeting on December 7.

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## **Cathedral Visit Rescheduled**



*Change of Date*

Our annual visit to Cathedral Crossroads has been rescheduled from December 30 to February 24, 2015 due to a change in the schedule at the Cathedral. More information about this meaningful opportunity will be in future newsletters and announcements.



## **Traditional Music Notes**

by Ted Dix, Director

*Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development*



On Wednesday, December 3 at 10:00am, the Sixth Annual Christmas Organ Recital by Ted Dix and Friends will be held in the Sanctuary. Come join us for what has begun to be a yearly tradition at Grace!

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. This has become an outstanding way for folks of all ages to come together in heralding the Christmas season!



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

- 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.



*Festival Choir  
Rehearsals*

### **Upcoming Traditional Musical Events:**

- 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!

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## **Personal Notes**

### **In Memoriam:**

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

Family of Luke Huffman – October 13, 2014

### **Baptized:**

10/19/14 – Lucy Flynn (daughter of Charles and Sarah Flynn)





**Timmy, the Terrible Hunger Terrapin**



### Timmy's Corner

Hello my friends,

First let me ask, where did the summer go? It seems we just got started and it was over. Maybe I just missed the extra heat that summer often brings. Things are very quiet at the marsh right now. Everyone is sleeping in after a drop in the temperatures. The Professor is still puffing up his feather teaching when he gets everyone's attention to instruct them on something else. The Mouth made it through another season not getting hooked and being someone's dinner. As for my absence last month, all I can say at this time is that I had a camera attached to my back and I had to swim in unfamiliar waters.

Before I let it slip by, it was good to hear of the surplus garden items being donated around town to various church kitchens; thank you from me and those that benefitted.

You know how you feel when the air begins getting cooler and less time is spent in your gardens? Another part of the world is just starting to wake up and make their preparations for a planting season just as you finish. This is really kind of a neat plan of the Creator. All parts of our planet earth can grow and produce food to feed all of His creation. No one area or country has the monopoly on all the food and other resources, although at times it seems that various groups have more of one thing or another. Was the intention to share part of the master plan? I believe it was! What was the first thing you can remember sharing; was it a cola, a candy bar, or a birthday cake? Now what was the last thing you shared? Was it a meal, an hour's time chatting with someone, a prayer or even a dollar or two? Some people you know don't have time or resources for anything I just mentioned, others do.

Take a look at the ELCA website, <http://www.elca.org> because it is loaded with ways to assist young people, older people, Americans, and others you haven't had the time to chat with or share a meal with yet.

Till next month, be safe, enjoy the weather changes and get ready for Thanksgiving and hibernation.

This is the second part of the scrap of paper that was found...

I don't have a lot of riches,  
And sometimes the going's tough  
But with kids and friends to love me  
I think I'm rich enough.

Love,

*Timmy*



## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!



We have had a busy few weeks putting Grace's new photo directory together and we are pleased to say the completed directory has been submitted. This directory would not have been possible without the help of our church members, as well as, the extremely dedicated Pictorial Directory committee members. Each one worked countless hours and everyone's input was essential and priceless. Thank you, Mike Button, Linwood Van Horn, Laura Miller, Eileen Zepp, Junior Zepp, Dotti Morano, Joyce Hadden, Jim Helm, and Viera Sabol. Above all, we give thanks to Sheilah Keefer who chaired the entire process!

Special thanks to Rich Schuster, and Randy Bachtel who stepped forward to help the committee with the check-in process. Thank you for the gifts you shared and your tireless effort.

We thank all of you who had your pictures taken. We realize there were a number of times when the process was very slow and beyond the control of anyone at the church. People were kind and made the most of difficult situations and delays. We hope you had a chance to meet other members of Grace! Thank you so very much!!

Many thanks and much appreciation to everyone who took part in the new 2014 pictorial directory.

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## Quiet Evenings

Quiet Evenings will be held on Friday, December 5 at 6:30. What a great way to pause in the midst of this very busy season. Give yourself the gift of time...spend an hour and a half walking the labyrinth, praying, reading, journaling, sitting quietly.....You can make the evening what you need it to be in the beautiful surroundings of our church building. We begin together with centering prayer in the sanctuary and close with prayer in the sanctuary. The rest of the evening you are free to move around the church building and participate in the various offerings as you choose.



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## Grace Boomers Christmas Party



Adults are invited to attend the annual Boomers Christmas Party at the home of Cathy and Harry Barnes on Saturday, December 6 at 7:00pm. Watch the announcements for more information and reservation instructions.

## **Save the Date!!**



6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ted Dix and Friends  
Christmas Organ Recital &  
Soup and Salad Lunch

Wednesday, December 3, 2014  
10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary



What a wonderful way to get in the Christmas spirit!

Invite all of your family and friends of all ages to this great event.

**NOTE:** A free will offering will be taken at the lunch to help cover costs.

## Little Friends of Grace Preschool News

by Anita Erb, Director

### Bosco's Friends Helping Friends

Once again this year we participated in the Bosco's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. During this fundraiser we sold \$5.00 tickets which enabled you to receive a 25% discount on many items throughout the store on October 21. We were able to raise \$255 for the scholarship fund. Thank you for your continued support of our program!



### School Pictures

Mr. Roger Brackney and his wife Joyce came to Little Friends on October 15 and 16 for individual and class pictures.

### Dining Out

On our first dining out evening of the year we visited Sweet Frog of Westminster. In November we will be at Baugher's on November 18 from 7:30 am until 9:00 pm. All funds raised will benefit the LFOG scholarship fund. We hope you will be able to join us for one or more evenings out. If you are unable to dine out, we always welcome donations to the scholarship fund.

### Field Trips

The pre-K four-year old classes have been very busy; on October 9 and 10 the classes toured Pleasant Valley Fire Station. Sergeant Benfer of the Westminster City Police Department visited the preschool on October 8; and on November 5 and 13 we will be traveling to Sharp's Farm to learn about Pilgrim History.

### Class Parties

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with parties in the two and three-year old classes on November 20 and 21. We would like to thank our parents for providing delicious snacks for our parties. The pre-K four-year old classes will celebrate with a Thanksgiving feast.

### Conferences

Informal parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday and Tuesday, November 24 and 25. Childcare is provided for our parents. The preschool will be closed for Thanksgiving vacation November 26-28.

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## WELCA

by Helen Englar

### Gift Boxes for Seafarer's

The WELCA will meet on Monday, November 24 in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30pm.

We will be packing boxes for the International Seafarer's Center at the Port of Baltimore. Some crew members earn less than \$1,000 a month, so these boxes make a big difference in their lives. Even those earning more are moved to know that others are thinking of them and praying for them. One officer commented that he still treasures a ditty bag with a sewing kit which he was given in a Christmas at Sea box thirty years ago!

If you'd like to contribute to this project, the following articles are needed:

- Toiletries (no shaving cream and no unwrapped soap or toothbrushes)
- Warm hats, scarves (most of the seafarers are men)
- Warm socks and gloves (small men's)
- Pens and pads of paper
- Playing cards
- Postcards of Baltimore

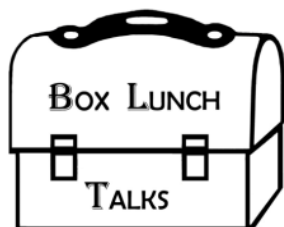
Collection boxes will be in both Upper and Lower Gathering Spaces for your convenience in early November. **Donations need to be turned in by Sunday, November 16.** We can also use some extra shoeboxes (in small sizes ... no boot boxes) if you have any.

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The WELCA regret that we are no longer going to be supplying fruit plates and favors for the shut-ins of our congregation. We will, however, be sending an Advent Devotional book to the shut-ins.



## Historical Society Box Lunches



The Historical Society of Carroll County ([www.hsccmd.org](http://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 November topic will be "The Transformation of Union Bridge." Tidewater Portland Cement Co., the predecessor of Lehigh Cement, began construction of a cement plant in Union Bridge in 1909.

The huge social and environmental changes the town experienced between 1909 and 1920 were similar to those of other towns and cities entering the industrial age across America. Mimi Ashcroft traces those first tumultuous years of a company's existence based on information from the town's newspaper and census records."

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.



## MASTERWORKS CHORALE OF CARROLL COUNTY

*presents*

### FALL CONCERT 2014

## Baroque Beginnings

*from*

Palestrina to Praetorius

*featuring*

"Kyrie" from *Palestrina's Pope Marcellus Mass*, *Polychoral Works* by *Praetorius* and *Gabrieli*, and *Diverse Works* by *Vittoria*, *Tallis*, *Charpentier et al.*

MARGARET BOUDREAUX, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

TED DIX, ORGAN

We are pleased to be joined in this concert by the *McDaniel College Choir*, *Maryland State Boychoir*, *Baltimore Recorders*, *Washington Cornett & Sackbutt Ensemble*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014, 3:00 PM**

**BAKER MEMORIAL CHAPEL, MCDANIEL COLLEGE**

**WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND**

Admission: \$12 adults (\$10 if purchased in advance)

(All students with ID and children admitted free at door)

Tickets will be available **ONLINE** at [www.MasterworksofCC.org](http://www.MasterworksofCC.org),  
at the **DOOR**, from **CHORALE MEMBERS** and at the **CARROLL COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL**

## November Calendar of Events

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014

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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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, NOVEMBER 4, 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 (107)  
7:30 pm Youth & Family Ministries Meeting (112)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
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, NOVEMBER 6, 2014

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 Stephen Leaders Meeting (Parlor)  
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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, NOVEMBER 8, 2014

7:00 pm Legacy HS – Lock Out for Homeless (St. Luke's Balt.)  
9:00 am First Communion Class (FH, T, L)  
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)  
6:30 pm Dinner Theater to Benefit ELCA Malaria Campaign (GH)

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 New Member Class (L)  
11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)  
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, NOVEMBER 11, 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, NOVEMBER 12, 2014

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)  
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014

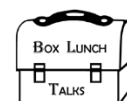
5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)  
6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (112)  
7:00 pm Thursday Evening Book Club (LGS)  
7:00 pm New Beginnings NA Meeting (Legacy - 101A/B)  
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA Group (109/110)  
7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

9:00 am First Communion Class (FH, T, L)  
10:00 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)  
5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)



(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

## November Calendar of Events (continued)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014**

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L)  
 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)  
 10:15 am Special Congregational Meeting (GH)  
 10:45 am Christian Education Hour (various)  
 10:45 am New Member Class (L)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 3:00 pm Children's Chorus Rehearsal (MR)  
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts Spaghetti Dinner (FH, T)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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, NOVEMBER 18, 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 Committee Meeting (107)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 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, NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)  
 6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)  
 6:30 pm LFOG Board Meeting (107)  
 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)  
 7:45 pm Festival Choir Rehearsal (MR)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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)

(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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2014**

9:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal (S)  
 5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 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 New Member Class (L)  
 11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)  
 3:00 pm Advent Gathering (GH, FH, T, UGS)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)  
 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, NOVEMBER 25, 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 Evangelism Committee Meeting (107)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)  
 7:30 pm Troop 393 Committee Meeting (109/110)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014**

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)  
 5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)  
 7:00 pm Books & Brew (Johansson's)  
 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (S)  
 7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014**

**THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY –**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2014**

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY –**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2014**

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 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)



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### Thanksgiving Eve Worship



For most of us, Thanksgiving has become a time of food, football, and shopping. This year, before the festivities begin, take time to give thanks to God, the One who creates and sustains our life. Please join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00p.m. Your presence in worship will be a blessing for yourself and for others!

## November Worship Leaders & Assistants

### NOVEMBER 1-2, 2014

**5:00 p.m.** – Kay Betz, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

**7:45 a.m.** – Craig Giles

**9:00 a.m.** – Pete Tabatsko

**Communion Assistants:** Haley Hoff, Donna Kent, Tammy Lowman, Don Meyers, Beth Meyers

**Ushers:** John Yarish, Randy Bachtel, Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild

**11:15 a.m.** – Charlie Beckhardt

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



### NOVEMBER 8-9, 2014

**5:00 p.m.** – Arthur Pease and Carol Ann Bauman, **Reader:** Carol McCulloch

**7:45 a.m.** – Rich Schuster

**9:00 a.m.** – Jamie Krichinsky

**Communion Assistants:** Dotti Morano, Pete Morano, Steve Crews, Nancy Crews, Chad Plendl

**Ushers:** Jocelyn Spreitzer, Bob Spreitzer, Jeff Barnes, Adam Barnes

**11:15 a.m.** – Karen Ganjon

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Amelia Dowling

### NOVEMBER 15-16, 2014

**5:00 p.m.** – Yvonne Aasen

**7:45 a.m.** – Dena Hodges

**9:00 a.m.** – Craig Giles

**Communion Assistants:** Pete Tabatsko, Susan Roach, Erin Sherlock, Michelle Harrod, Kathleen Casper

**Ushers:** Linwood Van Horn, Ron Fairchild, Adam Fairchild, Brian Sherfey

**11:15 a.m.** – Kara Schuster

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Erin Sherlock

### NOVEMBER 22-23, 2014

**5:00 p.m.** – Laura Heller

**7:45 a.m.** – Caroline Babylon

**9:00 a.m.** – Kathy Rehak

**Communion Assistants:** Michele Krichinsky, Jamie Krichinsky, Mark Tanzey, Jess Tanzey, Dave Cox

**Ushers:** Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Don Hodges, Randy Bachtel

**11:15 a.m.** – Greg Hare

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Anna Tschiegg

### NOVEMBER 29-30, 2014

**5:00 p.m.** – Lisa Turner, **Reader:** John Baumgardner

**7:45 a.m.** – Karen Ganjon

**9:00 a.m.** – Paul Whitson

**Communion Assistants:** Craig Giles, Stacey Tanzey, Dena Hodges, Kathy Rehak, Bill Comegna

**Ushers:** Perry Crawl, Nancy Taylor, Beth Meyers, Don Meyers

**11:15 a.m.** – Cosette Schneider

**Acolyte – 11:15 am** – Taylor Glass Button



### November Altar Guild

**SANCTUARY**  
Charles Crown

**GRACE HALL**  
Nancy Suder



## November Birthdays

**November 1**

Dietz, Megan

**November 2**Baioocchi, Tony  
Spreitzer, Jocelyn**November 3**Hoff, Georgia  
Rehak, Matt  
Weishaar, Kendall**November 4**

Thomas, Carrie

**November 5**

Rath, Theresa

**November 6**Bonner, Christine  
Dorsey, Natalie  
Holmes, Linda  
Smith, Diane**November 7**Bachtel, Nathan  
Casper, Kate  
Ellis El, Marvin  
Taylor, Nancy  
Ulsch, Joyce**November 8**Morelock, Sheryl  
Rice, Grace  
Ryan, Bill  
Taylor, Thomas**November 9**Harrison-Ellis El, Erika  
Rogge, Fred  
Vengroski, Aaron**November 11**Alvarez, Stephanie  
Hoff, Sam  
Johnson, Sara  
Nightingale, Charles**November 12**Hegg, Laurie  
Wilton, Craig**November 13**Gladden, Dalton  
Myers, James  
Smith, Eric**November 14**Marley, Leslie  
Melville, Jake  
Scocco, Ryan**November 15**Barnes, Zachary  
Clatterbuck, Jared  
Lowell, Justin**November 16**Albaugh, Tom  
Hoff, David  
Reitz, Isabelle**November 17**Babylon, Caroline  
Cimbalista, Claire  
Hoffman, David  
Sackin, Lindsay**November 18**Fairchild, Adam  
Johns, Jane  
Seipp, Judy**November 19**Dorsey, Melanie  
Seipp, Alex**November 20**Cimbalista, Sharon  
DeKett, Chuck  
Nixon, Chad  
Roth, Kurt  
Schreyer, MacKenzie  
Visocsky, Curtis**November 21**Harris, Greg  
Lowman, Chuck  
Martin, Paul  
McCulloch, Meg**November 22**Anderson, Amy  
Harris, Kim  
Helt, Shane  
Holmes, Phillip  
Schoenberger, Glenn**November 23**Buscemi, Sharon  
Gray, Sullivan  
Ross, John**November 24**Bowersox, Steven  
Peltier, Benjamin**November 25**Anderson, Benjamin  
Law, Sheila  
Tobery, Irene**November 26**

Brocato, Caroline

**November 27**Arbaugh, Carol  
Bowersox, Vickie  
Everett, Elaine**November 28**Lockard, David  
Rath, Drake  
Roth, Marla  
Staub, Jacob**November 29**Cox, Tiffany  
Hodges, Don**November 30**Bauman, Carol Ann  
Gist, Melanie  
Pigeon, Remmy  
Selby, Mari

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## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

## DEADLINE TO ORDER: DECEMBER 14

This year we will again be decorating the Sanctuary and Grace Hall with beautiful poinsettias. Helping to decorate the worship areas with flowers is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one this holiday season.

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My gift to Carroll Food Sunday \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to **Grace Lutheran Church**

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return order form and check to church office)

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up flower(s) **AFTER** Christmas Eve services: \_\_\_\_ 6:00 in GH \_\_\_\_ 10:30 in Sanctuary

\_\_\_\_ On Christmas Day \_\_\_\_ Later in the week **OR** \_\_\_\_ Donate flower(s) to a shut-in

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

***Please remember in your prayers...***

*Names will remain on the Continuing Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise requested. Names will then be removed unless another request is made. Please contact Dawn Stem in the church office (410-848-7020) with any prayer requests or email [dstem@gracelc.org](mailto:dstem@gracelc.org).*



**Those who are serving our country:** Marshall Brown, 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, 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

**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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