



Grace
Lutheran

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23, 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.

Advent Gathering

Our annual Advent Gathering is **this Sunday from 3:00-6:00pm**. This year we will have our old favorites such as Moravian Stars, Fair Trade Baskets, Ornaments, College Care Packages and Advent Bags; along with new activities per family unit like a "Snowman Advent Calendar" and an "Advent Box"! Ted Dix will be providing us with holiday music on the piano and the Fellowship Committee will provide a wonderful warm meal! This is a great opportunity for families to come together to prepare for the Advent Season! ALL ARE WELCOME! We look forward to preparing for Advent together with you!



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!

Thanksgiving Baskets

On Sunday, November 23, we will be packing and delivering Thanksgiving baskets for families in our church and community. If you can help pack and/or deliver, please join us in the Lower Gathering Space at 10:30 a.m.





6th 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.

Youth Quake 2015

Middle school youth grades 6-8 are you ready for Youth Quake 2015 in Hunt Valley, MD?!?! This year Wes Halula will be the speaker and 100 White Flags will be the band! Youth Quake will be January 9-11 and the cost is \$170/person plus \$20 for food. Please fill out the form that was mailed to you (or pick one up from your Sunday School or Confirmation teacher) and return it to Leanne Elliott by **TODAY!** Scholarships are available – please talk to Leanne Elliott. High school students if you would like to go as a junior guide please see Leanne for a form!



Breaking (Good) News: RoadTrip 2015

High school students you should have all received a flyer and registration form for the Delaware-Maryland Synod youth event RoadTrip January 23-25 in Ocean City, Maryland! The cost is \$190/person and scholarships are available! Please complete (and sign) the form and return it to Leanne Elliott no later than December 3 to secure your spot on this awesome weekend adventure!

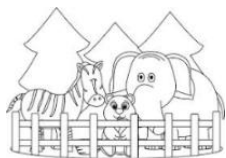
Operation Christmas Child

It's "Operation Christmas Child" Time again...over 100 million boxes and twenty plus years of spreading love and the Good News of Jesus Christ around the globe. You and your family can be involved in three ways.

1. Make it a family project to pack one or more shoe boxes and bring them back to church by this Sunday, November 23. Don't forget to write a note and/or include pictures of yourself. (Suggested packing list and fill in the blank letters available in the Lower Gathering Space.)
2. Place your box in the Lower Gathering Space by the display or have your son or daughter bring it to Sunday School Class.
3. Donate extra items in the box in the Lower Gathering Space.



TECT Zoolights



TECT Students (6-12th grade) join us on **Saturday December 6 from 3:00-9:30** for our annual Christmas outing! We will be heading to the National Zoo for Zoolights and the event is free! You will want to bring spending money with you for goodies and shopping! You should have received a flyer in the mail with more details-please see Leanne if you did not receive one! RSVP no later than **November 30!**

LFOG Drop & Shop

The holiday season is arriving quickly. Do you need a few hours to finish those last minute items or maybe just get a start on your holiday preparations? Little Friends of Grace will be having a Drop & Shop fundraiser on Wednesday, December 3 from 12:00-3:00 and Saturday, December 6 from 9:30-12:30. For three hours your child/children will be supervised by LFOG staff while you have some time to yourself. Cost is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each child thereafter. Please contact Anita at 410-848-7020 ext.113 if you have any questions.



Addresses of Service Men and Women

The Evangelism Committee plans to send care packages to service men and women for Christmas. Please share names and addresses of friends and family who are serving our country. Email Sheila Law at sheilablau@comcast.net or complete the RCR card. We need your help in this project.

Festival of Wreaths



Please notice the beautiful wreath hanging in the Upper Gathering Space. Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee, it will be entered in the Festival of Wreaths at the Carroll County Arts Council. The wreath was lovingly painted and made by JoAnn Murphy. Be sure and attend the festival when it opens the end of November.

Volunteer Needed

Table of Grace soup kitchen ministry is looking for a volunteer every Tuesday from 8:30 – 10:00 am to pick up donations from Walmart, Panera Bread and Edible Arrangements. If you could help with this ministry, please call Carol Arbaugh at 410-848-4776.

Malaria Campaign Update

As of November 17, Grace has raised \$2,371 for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. These gifts will go directly to support the people facing this dreaded disease. It will help purchase mosquito nets and medical supplies. It will go toward preventative measures that will eventually eradicate this disease. Thank you for your generous support!!



Annual Meeting



The 2014 Annual Meeting of Grace Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, December 7 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. All Grace Worship Service. On the agenda will be the review of ministry reports with highlights from 2014, the adoption of the 2015 Budget, and election of Congregation Council Members and Voting Members to the 2015 Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly. All confirmed members of Grace are urged to participate in this important annual look at our life together as a congregation.

Nominees for the 2015 Congregation Council

Bill Comegna

I am currently employed as a Software Development Manager with Computer Science Corporation in Columbia, working in the healthcare industry. My family and I have lived in this area for over 30 years and are longtime members of Grace. I have been fortunate to serve two terms on the Council previously in the role of Treasurer and later, Vice President. I have also served as Finance Committee Chair and am currently the chair of the Personnel Committee. My hope is that I can be of some assistance to this congregation as Grace continues to grow its ministries and services in support of the congregation as well as the greater community. I realize that such continued growth will have its challenges as well as its rewards. However I am confident that I will be able to help Grace meet these challenges. I feel that in order to spread God's message throughout the community, and even the world, Grace must continue to look forward to find ways in which we can serve our fellow man. We are a leader in the Westminster community when it comes to community outreach and social ministries. I will work hard to help make sure that we remain a leader and serve as a model for other congregations.

Ron Fairchild

My family and I have been members at Grace since 2010. I currently serve as president of the congregation council and am active in many of the ministries of the church. While serving on council for the past three years, I helped launch Growth for Ministry, our five-year stewardship campaign. I regularly serve as a worship assistant, usher, and a substitute Sunday School teacher. I also enjoy cooking for the cold weather shelter and for our Food and Faith dinners. My service to the broader church and Lutheran service organizations includes being a member of the board of Carroll Lutheran Village and serving as the chair of the governance committee. In my professional life, I am the owner of a small consulting firm called the Smarter Learning Group that works with nonprofit organizations and foundations to improve educational outcomes for low-income children across the country. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family, reading, traveling, and distance running.

Robert Lichtfuss

My wife, Ellen and I, along with our two daughters, Maddie and Grace, have been members at Grace Lutheran Church since 2008. We have greatly enjoyed our time at Grace and appreciate the many opportunities we have here to serve God and our community of Faith. Since joining Grace, I have served as an assistant at the Wednesday evening Lenten services, as a Worship Assistant at the Sanctuary re-dedication service, as a member of the Constitutional Review adhoc Committee, and have participated in many other special events. Currently, I serve as a Worship Assistant at the Saturday evening Traditional Worship service, as a member of the Traditional Worship and Music Committee, and as a member of Church Council. Prior to joining Grace Lutheran, we were members of Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore, where I served on the Property Committee and Church Council. If elected to Church Council, it will be a great honor and privilege to continue to serve you, our community, and God, and I promise to do so with an open heart and mind.

Johanna Monka

My name is Johanna Monka. I graduated from University of Maryland at Baltimore in 1985 with a BS in nursing. I currently work as a home infusion nurse for IGGAmerica. I am married with 3 children and have been a member of Grace for the past 14 years. Since coming to Grace I have sung with the chancel choir and served on the pastoral search committee. I currently serve on the church council, co-chair the fellowship committee, and serve as a confirmation mentor. I enjoy worshiping at Grace and look forward to continuing support of our various ministries.

Linwood Van Horn

I have been an active member of Grace for over thirty-five years. I have been married to my wife Betsy for almost 45 years. We have a son and a daughter and four grandchildren with a fifth expected in March. At Grace I have served on the Finance Committee for over 25 years and have been part of the Social Ministry Committee for a long time, too. I represent the church as a delegate to Carroll Lutheran Village, and I also represent Grace on the boards of Caring Carroll and Timber Ridge. Recently, I helped with the new church directory. I also help with the church sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive. I would like to continue to serve the church with a second term on council.

Nominees to Serve as Voting Members to the 2015 Synod Assembly

Youth/Young Adult: Kara Schuster

Voting Members: Leanne Elliott, Rich Schuster, Arthur Pease, Jan Mickey, Taylor Glass Button, Sharon Glass, and Ron Fairchild

Alternates: Rachel Fairchild, John Baumgardner and Laura Heller

Christmas by The Book

*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 Adult Festival Choir, and Luther Choir! So be sure to mark your calendars so that you too can be a part of this special day!*



Cookies are Needed

Cookies are needed for the reception following the Christmas Program. Pastor Martha can also use help in the kitchen that afternoon. If you can help, please sign the RCR card.



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 _____

DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Pastor Kevin Clementson
November Altar Guild: Charles Crown (S), Nancy Suder (GH)

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Arthur Pease, Carol Ann Bauman,
(7:45) Caroline Babylon, **(9:00)** Kathy Rehak **(11:15)** Greg Hare

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Michele Krichinsky, Jamie
Krichinsky, Mark Tanzey, Jess Tanzey, David Cox

Ushers: (9:00) Dena Hodges, Brooke Hodges, Don Hodges,
Randy Bachtel

Acolyte: (11:15) Anna Tschiegg

DAILY READINGS

Sun (23) Matthew 25:31-46
Mon (24) Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Tues (25) Psalm 65
Weds (26) 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Thurs (27) Luke 17:11-19
Fri (28) Isaiah 64:1-9
Sat (29) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Sun (30) Mark 13:24-37

SERVING NEXT WEEK (November 29-30, 2014):

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Lisa Turner, **Reader:** John Baumgardner
(7:45) Karen Ganjon, **(9:00)** Paul Whitson **(11:15)** Cosette Schneider

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Craig Giles, Stacey Tanzey, Dena Hodges,
Kathy Rehak, Bill Comegna

Ushers: (9:00) Perry Crowl, Nancy Taylor, Beth Meyers, Don Meyers

Acolyte: (11:15) Taylor Glass Button



The flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving
for family and friends by Dick and Linda Humbert.

The flowers in **Grace Hall** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our
50th wedding anniversary by Ed & Becky Leister.

November 15-16, 2014 Attendance – (5:00) 28 (7:45) 29 (9:00) 247 (11:15) 83 (TOTAL) 387

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,
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 Adams, Barbara and Mike Bellgnau, The Bollinger
Family, Brian Bowersox, Rocky & Bonnie Davis, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Philip Kirk, Sandy &
Walter Long, Mary Lowman, Don Ludwig, Dail Pease, Kayla Platteel, Fred Puhl, Zach Sinor, 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.*

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, November 23

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 Advent Gathering (GH)



Sunday, November 30

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, November 24

1:30 pm WELCA Meeting (L)
5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)
7:00 pm Agape Handbell Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 393(Legacy)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)



**Deadline to order:
December 14**

Tuesday, November 25

12:00 pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)
5:00 pm Children's Chorus (various)
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (L)
7:00 pm Troop 393 Committee (109/110)

Wednesday, November 26

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



Thursday, November 27

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)
7:30 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)



Friday, November 28

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, November 29

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Looking Ahead...

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.

(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